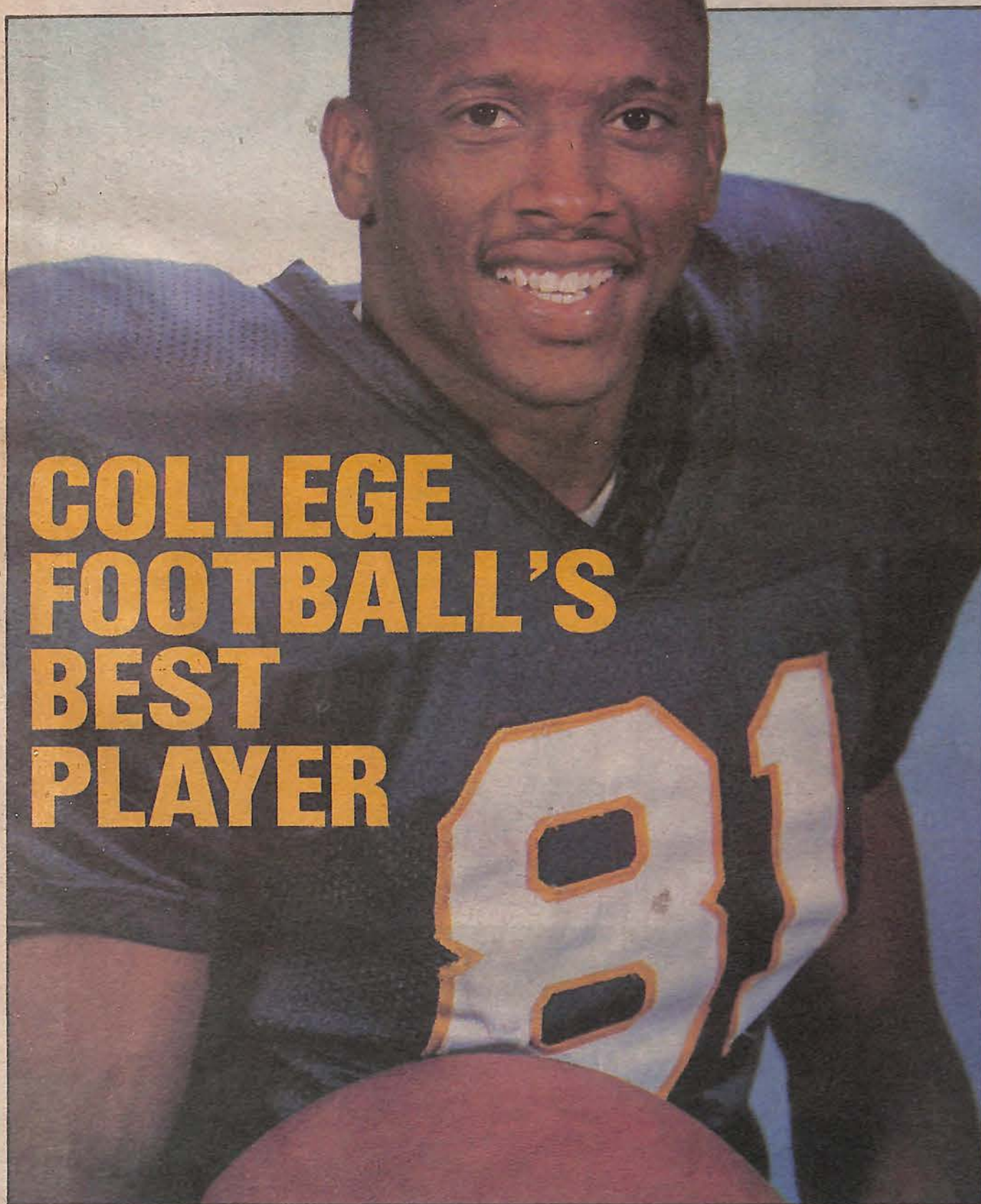


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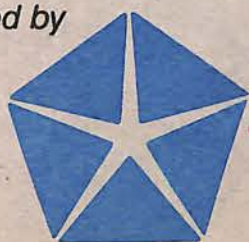
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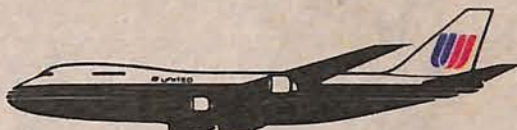
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## Top NFL Picks Get Top Dollar

Due in large part to Vinny Testaverde's \$8.2 million Tampa Bay contract, National Football League teams committed 19.9 percent more money to first-round draft choices in 1987 than they did a year earlier (Salary charts and story on pages 16 and 17).



## MacPherson TSN Coach of the Year

Since Syracuse University's last regular-season football game, the small but tidy office of Coach Dick MacPherson (above) has been a beehive of activity. Coach Mac was getting his 11-0-0 team ready for the Sugar Bowl and he was honored as THE SPORTING NEWS College Football Coach of the Year (Story on page 34).



## The Courtship Of Craig Simpson

The courtship was hot and heavy: The Pittsburgh Penguins wanted Paul Coffey, Edmonton's holdout defenseman, but the Oilers had their eye on Craig Simpson, the former Michigan State standout. So when Coffey went to Pittsburgh in a seven-player swap, Edmonton got Simpson. "The only way we were going to get someone of Craig's ability was to trade for him," said the Oilers' Glen Sather (Story on page 46).

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## VOICE OF THE FAN

## NBA Expansion

I can hardly wait for the near future when the four franchises that bought their way into the NBA begin play. After all, teams like the Los Angeles Clippers and the Cleveland Cavaliers are loaded with talent to let loose in expansion drafts.

KREIG RITTER  
David City, Neb.

## Difference Of Opinion

Moss Klein's logic (A.L. Beat, November 16) is hard to figure. He claims Minnesota's Tom Kelly does not deserve to be A.L. Manager of the Year over Sparky Anderson (or even Tom Trebelhorn) because Kelly had only the fifth-best record in the league.

Using Klein's logic, let's just give the award to the manager with the best record each year. I guess the Yankees' manager should have been manager of the year each season when they had their dynasties. Take a look at the fact that the Twins had 91 losses in '86 and came back to win the pennant this year. Anderson couldn't match that feat.

It should count for something that Kelly got the Twins into the playoffs despite his team being outscored and outpitched during the season.

Klein called Kelly the "Manager of October" while Anderson was the "Manager of the Year." Hogwash! Did Kelly's team just pop up in first place in October? They were in first place for three-fourths of the season, thanks to Kelly's managing, which put them in position for their great October post-season.

STEPHEN G. LODGE  
Silver Spring, Md.

## Franchise Center?

I am in disbelief that TSN (November 23) would carry not one but two articles (Mike Downey's and Jan Hubbard's) endorsing and gloating over the San Antonio Spurs' signing of David Robinson.

Obviously, they have no sense of balance. Robinson will get \$3 million before ever playing a game and then from \$2.4 million annually for eight years. When compared to what the real stars of the NBA are getting (Larry Bird, \$1.8 million; Magic Johnson, \$2.5 million; Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, \$2 million, and Michael Jordan, a paltry \$.83 million), the deal bespeaks total insanity.

Angelo Drossos obviously was a desperate man, under the mistaken belief that one tall, top-ranked college center alone can make a franchise. Of the last three "franchise centers" (Ralph Sampson, Akeem Olajuwon and Patrick Ewing), two have been major disappointments, having little impact on their teams' overall performance.

I predict that Robinson also will be a disappointment—to all but his financial advisor.

GARY A. FOX  
Oxford, O.

## The Picture Talks

Thanks to the talented TV cameramen for their work on sporting events and thanks to the people who make up the graphic footnotes that appear on the screen.

But why do the announcers never stop for breath? Do they think we can't read?

When we go to a sporting event we read the scoreboard and enjoy the game without endless repetitive nonsense.

DOROTHY GHIRETTI  
Union, N.J.

## Commitment

I read with interest the letter by Dave Lineback concerning commitment in the November 9 TSN. Commitment is one of the more important issues being ignored by sports franchises, and it is rarely discussed by the media.

Sports—and sports franchises—are a major part of American culture due in no small part to many, many years of hard work and commitment—commitment by team owners to players, players to teams, teams to cities, cities to teams, fans to teams and teams to their fans.

So what's my point? The failure of any relationship can normally be traced to a decline of commitment by one of the parties involved. Are fans still committed to their beloved hometown franchises? Well, yes. Attendance is up, isn't it?

Are our teams committed to their fans? Are you kidding? Strikes, free agency, free movement, collusion, scab games, inflated ticket prices, inflated salaries, inflated heads, holdouts, arbitration, trade demands, etc.

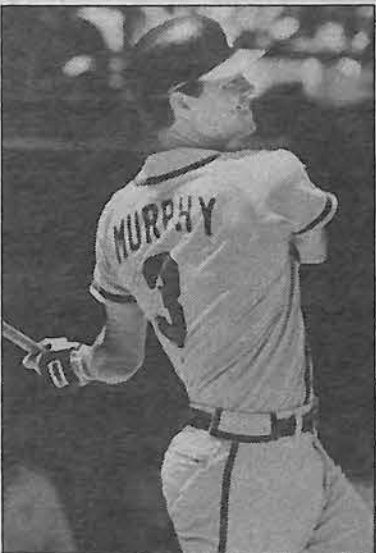
The owners and players are taking advantage of their relationship with the fans.

TOM BALLENTINE  
Cincinnati

## Public Approval

Sorry, Moss Klein, but I don't think the Minnesota Twins' winning the World Series is a legitimate reason for the majors not to expand. It's true the A.L. West is a weak division and that coaches and managers have done a poor job training and developing pitchers from the minors on up, but more fans attended games this year than at any other time in history. I say that 52 million fans can't be wrong.

EDWARD J. CUNNINGHAM  
Silver Spring, Md.



Dale Murphy

## Silver Sluggers

In your November 16 issue, you published a list of the "best offensive players at each position." Accompanying this list were the statistics for each of these players. One of the three outfielders chosen for the National League was Eric Davis of the Cincinnati Reds. His statistics were excellent, but not the best. Davis hit .293 with 37

## SPORTS SKETCHES

By DICK BRADLEY



homers and 100 RBIs. Dale Murphy of the Atlanta Braves hit .295 with 44 homers and 105 RBIs.

Davis, of course, is the player who before and during the first part of the season received the most superstar hype of any player in baseball, being hailed as "another Willie Mays," an appellation which he has not yet lived up to. Murphy, of course, is expected to be an outstanding player and when he complies and lives up to those expectations, he receives only minor recognition, not the acknowledgment he deserves.

Murphy's omission from the list was a blatant error.

JOCELYN DICKMAN  
Syosset, N.Y.

How can you put Tony Gwynn on your Silver Slugger team while leaving off both Dale Murphy and Darryl Strawberry? Strawberry had 39 homers and 104 RBIs while Gwynn had seven homers and 54 RBIs.

As a matter of fact, Strawberry hit more homers in September than Gwynn hit all year and drove in 27 runs in September, which was half of Gwynn's season total.

Hitting for a high batting average is great individually but it doesn't win the games that power does. If all those singles mean so much, who not call it the Silver Slapper team?

VERNE SPENCE  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Silver Slugger team is selected in a vote of managers and coaches. It is not based solely on statistics nor does it necessarily reflect the opinion of TSN editors.

## Figuring Production

After reading in Moss Klein's column that Kevin Seitzer produced more runs than Mark McGwire, I decided that it is time to complete-

ly discredit the Runs Produced (RP) statistic (RBIs plus runs minus homers).

Who would you rather have at bat in the bottom of the ninth inning with two outs, bases empty and your team one run behind, Seitzer or McGwire?

The number of home runs should not be subtracted because when a batter homers, he has produced a run by himself, whereas any other RBI or run scored requires the help of a teammate—to either drive the player in or get on base in front of him.

Statistically speaking, if, for example, Rickey Henderson doubles and Don Mattingly singles him in, they both get credit for an RP, even though the Yankees as a team scored only one run. But if Henderson had struck out and Mattingly had homered to produce the same one run by himself, he would still get credit for only one RP. So stop subtracting the home runs in the RP computation and give home run hitters the credit they deserve as run producers.

TIM DAY  
Smyrna, Ga.

## Bye-Bye, Bruce

I'd like to thank the board of trustees of Ohio State University for firing Earle Bruce.

Even though Bruce had the best overall record among Big Ten coaches during his nine-year tenure, his teams were disappointments, losing three games and finishing second in the conference too many years and failing to contend for the national championship.

Sure the pressure is tough at Ohio State, but the school is rich in tradition and deserved more than what Bruce gave it.

Every time Ohio State lost, Bruce said it was "the darkest day in Ohio State history." Well, a

bright new day is dawning.

BILL PRICE  
Dola, O.

## Hail to the Hoosiers

I would like to register an admittedly partisan salute to Indiana University football Coach Bill Mallory. He's my choice for coach of the year.

The quality of Indiana football has certainly never rivaled that of most of the rest of the Big Ten. With few exceptions, it's been 103 seasons of frustration for players, alumni and fans.

Since Mallory's first, winless 1984 season, the Hoosiers have come from being an "open date" to being a worthy challenger. In a region of the country where the university has to compete with the likes of Michigan, Notre Dame, Ohio State and Purdue for players, Mallory's success has not been accomplished so much with overwhelming physical talent as with hard work on the part of the players and coaches.

In my opinion, Mallory's job performance has been outstanding.

KENT REBMAN  
Brownsburg, Ind.

## Just a Hobby

After seeing how well Bo Jackson has performed, maybe Al Davis should recruit more baseball players for the Raiders.

ALLAN M. DAUBER  
Jersey City, N.J.

## Fan Appreciation

On behalf of all football fans, thanks to TSN for publishing the complete up-to-date NFL rosters with the players' colleges, positions and numbers. Yours is the only publication that sees fit to publish these complete rosters every so often and we do thank you.

RALPH MCGUIRE  
Chalmette, La.



## COVER STORY

# Brown Woke Up the Echoes

## Notre Dame's Dazzling Do-It-All Is TSN's College Player of the Year

By PAUL ATTNER  
National Correspondent

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—College football's best player still has an unfulfilled fantasy...

"Just once," said Tim Brown, almost rising out of his chair, "I want to play on the Notre Dame basketball team. I want to get on just one fast break, just one. I tell Digger Phelps all the time, 'You can bench me, you can cut me, you can kick me out of school, but just let me have one dunk in front of our crowd. Just one.'"

Take off Brown's uniform, rip off his pads, cart away all the football trophies and you will find the heart of a basketball junky. When he was growing up on the playgrounds of Dallas, when he would dance down the sidelines and pull in a pass for a touchdown and call himself "Twinkletoes," his hero was Drew Pearson of the Cowboys.

But most other times, whether it was basketball season or not, he wanted to be Dr. J. Everyone else wanted to be Julius Erving too, but when Brown first dunked the ball, at 5-10, he was Doc. He had the flying layups and the moving sky hook and the spring; he had everything. Then he stopped growing.

"I couldn't believe it," Brown says now. "I got to six feet and that was that. End of my basketball career."

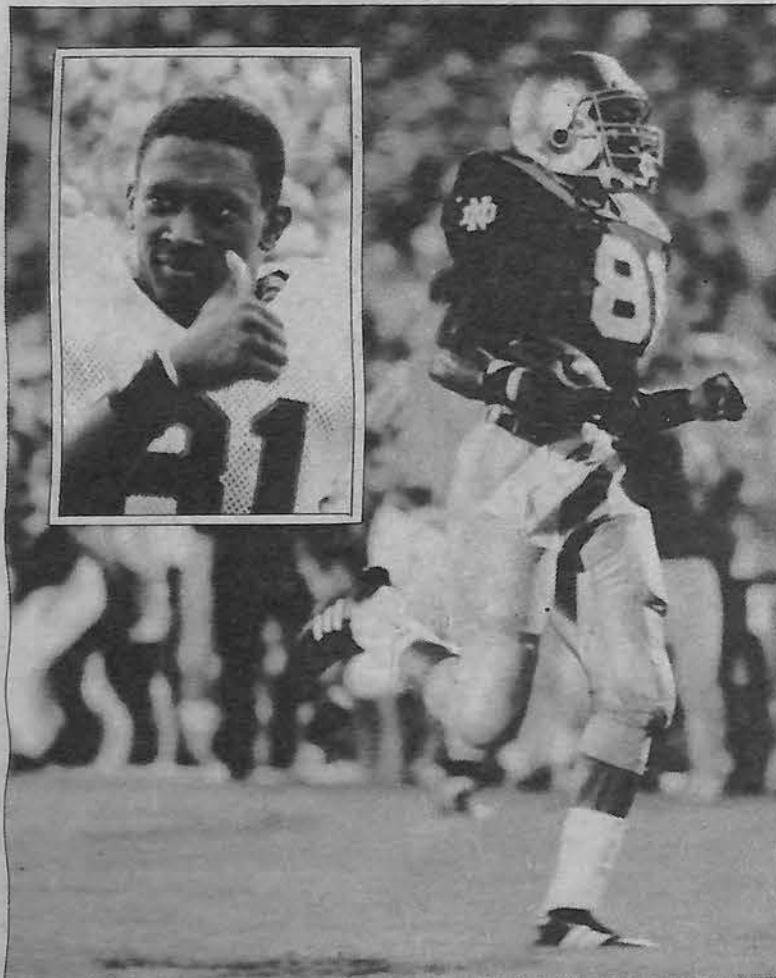
But not the end of his role as entertainer. Maybe he wouldn't be able to show off his dunks and his reckless drives down the lane, but he still had that frightening quickness and those Twinkletoes moves. Showcased in a Notre Dame uniform, he has come as close as a football player possibly can to creating Dr. J's electricity in this most impersonal, team-oriented sport.

About the only time you'll catch a hint of ego in Tim Brown is when he talks about his impact on college football. Otherwise, he is a modest, unassuming man who somehow has managed to absorb his growing accolades with just a hint of cockiness. But link Erving's dunks with his own kick returns and Brown puffs his chest.

"Michigan State," he says. "That did it. Returning punts for touchdowns back to back like I did brought something back to the game that has been missing for a while—big time excitement. There are running backs who have gone 85 yards for touchdowns and receivers who have had long catches, but to return two punts back to back like that (for 71 and 66 yards) excited a lot of people across the country. It was a phenomenon that has been missing."

"When you can make a couple of people miss on a return and you can dance around, even if you only gain a few yards, it's exciting. I remember a couple of punts that I returned only five yards but it took 13 seconds to do it and when it was over, the people applauded like it was a touchdown."

By the end of this season, Brown



Player of the Year Tim Brown is the pivotal reason Notre Dame earned a bid to the Cotton Bowl.

merely had to drop back for a punt and fans would stand and what he calls "a buzz" would vibrate through the stadium. The first time he heard the noise, he looked in the crowd, thinking something had happened to a spectator. Then he realized he was the reason.

"When they stand up even before the kick, that's entertainment," he said. "They give to you and you try to give something back. Like Dr. J. Yeah, just like Dr. J." And then he laughed proudly.

When football recruits visit Notre Dame, they watch a movie called "Wake Up the Echoes." It's a Hall of Fame on film: Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy, the Four Horsemen, Ara Parseghian, six Irish Heisman Trophy winners.

Tim Brown got his first viewing four years ago, when he was being courted by the Irish. Since then, he's watched the opening minutes more times than he can remember. But never the end.

"We show it whenever recruits are on campus," Brown said. "You sit in there with them for a few minutes, then you sneak out the door until it's over."

But some day soon, he'll have to stick around for the whole thing. Otherwise, when they eventually rework the movie, he'll miss seeing the latest Irish legend: Tim Brown.

On December 5, Brown became the seventh Notre Dame player to win the Heisman Trophy. He also has been named THE SPORTING NEWS 1987 College Football Player of the Year, heading TSN's All-

America team, and he is expected to capture virtually every major player-of-the-year honor this season.

Despite such acclaim, this reclusive man, who takes such great care to avoid controversy, has become the center of a nationwide barroom argument. His critics say this: Brown is very talented, but put him in another school's uniform

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and there's no way he'd be putting the Heisman in his trophy case. It's the material in "Wake Up the Echoes" that won it for Brown. It's the Notre Dame mystique.

"Going to Notre Dame helped. I'm not going to deny that," Brown agrees. "We're on television every week and we are a national team and people check up on us in the papers."

"But I also don't understand why I should be penalized for attending here. Everyone had an opportunity to come here. If they didn't, it's their mistake. I never even dreamt of winning the Heisman, much less make my choice of schools thinking it would help me get it. I came here because I thought of what it would do for me after graduation."

He paused. "I'll tell you what, I'm not going to hand any awards back. I think I earned them and I am going to walk away happy about all of them."

In a season that lacked a truly dominating player, Brown unquestionably was the most dazzling, scintillating star in college football.

Those marvelous kick returns, following paths that resemble one of John Madden's squiggly instant replay diagrams, were the stuff of legends.

But Brown had to do something to catch everyone's attention. After all, how else can a wide receiver like Brown, who never knew if he would ever touch the ball in a game, compete against heavy duty workers like the quarterbacks or running backs who usually hog these awards?

The Irish may be lucky, but Brown had to wonder, as the season progressed, what gods were conspiring to thwart his Heisman quest. Once he returned those two punts for touchdowns within two minutes in the first quarter of Notre Dame's 31-8 victory over Michigan State, vaulting him into an early Heisman lead, teams began kicking away from him. He had 18 punt returns the first four games, and only 16 the last seven.

Then, quarterback Terry Andrysiak, a passer, suffered a broken collarbone the fourth week and Tony Rice, a runner, took over. Notre Dame wound up throwing the fewest number of passes since 1980 and 125 fewer than in 1986, when Brown had 1,937 all-purpose yards. He still had 1,843 this year, averaging 14.2 yards a play and a remarkable 21.7 on 39 receptions.

Brown averaged 167.55 yards a game. For the season, he had 144 yards rushing, 846 in receptions, 401 in punt returns and 452 in kick-off returns.

"If I had been at a passing school, oh, God, who knows what I could have done," he said. "I'd have gotten the ball 30 times a game. The last few games here, I averaged maybe eight."

Still, he was the pivotal reason the Irish finished 8-3 to earn the school's first major bowl bid in seven years. Brown will be showing his wares in his hometown of Dallas in January when Notre Dame plays Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl.

Yet for all his upbeat statements during the season about his Heisman chances, Brown early on told his family the race was over—and that he had lost.

"Once Terry (Andrysiak) got hurt, it was looking pretty bleak," Brown admitted. "I told my family the possibility of me winning the Heisman was just about out. Maybe if I returned 10 punts for touchdowns I could do it, but they weren't going to kick me the ball. Tony (Rice) really wasn't comfortable throwing the ball. It was frustrating at times, but it was something I had to live with. I just told my parents I hoped I made All-America."

Fortunately for Brown, he is a better player than prognosticator. But his talents won't be fully displayed until he plays in the National Football League.

With Brown's 4.35 speed in the 40-yard dash, his sure hands, a willingness to use his 195 pounds in blocking and that knack for kick

returns, he could well be the first player taken in the 1988 draft. If not, he certainly will go high in the first round. And it would be shocking if he didn't turn out to be a better player in the NFL than he was in college.

"Let's just say when I see them putting up all those passes every Sunday (in the NFL), I get excited about what it's going to be like next year," Brown said.

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A few days before he left for the Heisman Award announcement at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York, Tim Brown was studying in his dormitory room when he heard a knock on his door.

It was a student, a stranger. He was holding a football, wanting an autograph.

Over the last five months, when his life story has been reported by newspapers coast-to-coast and even a small thing like running an errand has become an event because of autograph seekers, Brown has grown accustomed to intrusions into his private life. But nothing prepared him for this latest visit.

"I think I have AIDS," said the student, holding the football and crying. "I have to undergo tests and I don't know if the doctors will let me come back next semester." Soon, Brown was crying, too. They talked and the student left. Brown lay on his bed and tried to regain his composure.

"Of everything that has happened to me, that was the wildest thing," he said.

The full weight of stardom has hammered Brown this year. He lost 12 pounds during the season, as much from mental stress as physical. (Continued on Page 6, Column 1)

### Beaten, Battered Brown Played On

DALLAS—Notre Dame football Coach Lou Holtz, in Dallas for a Cotton Bowl promotion, revealed December 3 that Irish flanker Tim Brown had played the last five games of the season with a slightly dislocated shoulder and a fractured ring finger on his right hand.

"That just shows you how tough a kid he is," Holtz said. "He was double-teamed every play and was beaten and battered. But he will be ready for the Cotton Bowl."

Holtz said the only bad thing about Brown's season was that "we didn't have that many chances to get him the ball. He ran two punts back for touchdowns in the second game and now nobody punts to him. And we don't throw him the ball very much because we aren't a throwing team."

"I don't know anybody who could have helped our team more, though. I would have voted for him (for the Heisman Trophy) if I'd had a vote."



## COVER STORY

## BROWN

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cal fatigue, although he suffered injuries to his hands, knee, shoulder and ankle. He has learned to live on limited sleep, get by with cereal and pie for dinner and understand that being a football celebrity at Notre Dame means trying to hide behind sunglasses and wide-brimmed hats at the mall and still

being recognized.

If anything, though, Brown has matured and grown with the attention. Patient and kind, he is a soft touch. Whenever he starts getting full of himself, he remembers the first play of his Notre Dame career, when he fumbled away a punt.

"I was sure I would be on the taxi squad for four years and graduate and get a good job and forget

about football," he said of that play. Memories of that kind will keep you humble.

This is one athlete Notre Dame didn't have to hype. The school couldn't have created a better promotion for its standards.

Without attempting to be smooth or funny or likable, Brown is all of those things. He has a quick, infectious laugh, and he loves to mimic others, cutting easily to the deep

tones of his father's voice or the high pitch of his mother's.

He doesn't like to describe himself as a loner or a square, but he is both of those, too, and that isn't a criticism.

After all, what is wrong with a student-athlete who has never smoked, never tasted a beer, had one fight in his life and thinks nothing of spending hours in his room listening to R&B and jazz or watch-

ing television or talking to friends?

Brown has been to the school hangout, the Senior Bar, just once in four years. He grew tired of the noise and congestion, and he left in an hour.

He's had the same girlfriend for six years. He's going to graduate on time, in four years, with about a 2.5 average in sociology. When he goes home to Dallas, to a neighborhood "where we never were robbed or anything but you never feel that comfortable," he attends church with his family, as he's been doing all his life.

His parents have never had much money, but they've produced outstanding results with love and religion: all four grown children have gone to college and stayed out of trouble even though temptation was always hanging out on the nearest corner.

A couple of snippets from Tim Brown's life tell a lot about him.

When he was in high school, his coach would ask him why he turned out so differently from other equally gifted teammates. "Look at the family," Brown would reply. "We've got religion, we have standards, we are encouraged to go to school. That's all you have to do, look at the family."

After Notre Dame's 37-6 victory over Alabama this season, Brown sought out Crimson Tide running back Bobby Humphrey to console him. But Humphrey and his teammates were kneeling on the field in prayer. Brown quickly knelt with them, a black Protestant at a predominantly white Catholic school praying with opponents who had spent the whole game trying to kick the bejabbers out of him.

To this day, Brown's mother still hasn't reconciled her religious beliefs with the violence of football. Her son was going to be a musician. He played drums from age eight and was in the church choir. He was in the high school band until football lured him away as a sophomore. Even last summer, Brown's mother told him she wished he was attending Notre Dame on a band scholarship.

"Ah, Momma," he said, "just one more year of football and I've got my degree."

His dad, a construction worker, is different. "He'll tell me, 'Good job, son, keep it up, but get your education,'" Brown said. "Then, when he's with his friends, he'll get excited and say, 'My son is bad, he's bad.' He's having a great time; he just doesn't know his friends are telling us about his joy."

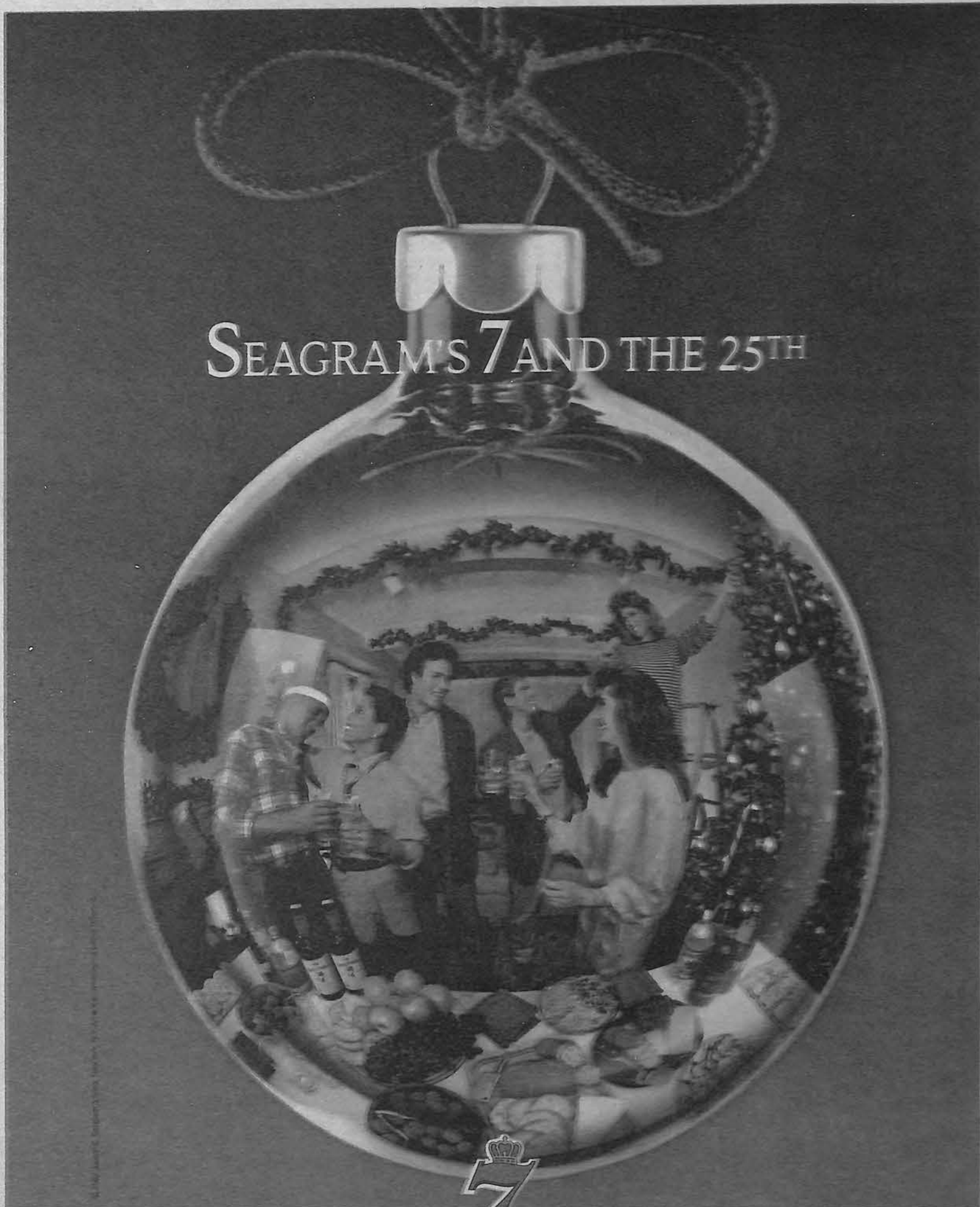
After Brown signs a pro contract, he's going to repay his family.

"First," he said, "I am going to set up college trust funds for my nieces and nephews. Then I am going to set up annuities for myself. Then, if she wants it, I'm going to get my mother her dream house. And my dad wants a boat. He's got one now, but this one is going to be a real big boat."

And for himself? Brown will get his first car—a Porsche.

Tim Brown going flashy?

"No way," he said, smiling broadly. "I've pretty much played by the rules all my life. By some people's standards, that makes me a little boring. But if what's happening to me is boring, I think I can put up with it for the rest of my life, too."



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## COVER STORY

# THE SPORTING NEWS 1987 ALL-AMERICA TEAM

FIRST TEAM

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name & School	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
WR	*TIM BROWN, Notre Dame	Senior	6-0	195	Dallas
WR	WENDELL DAVIS, Louisiana State	Senior	6-0	186	Shreveport, La.
WR	STERLING SHARPE, South Carolina	Senior	6-1	200	Glennville, Ga.
TE	PAT CARTER, Florida State	Senior	6-4	258	Sarasota, Fla.
T	DAVE CADIGAN, Southern California	Senior	6-5	280	Newport Beach, Calif.
T	PAUL GRUBER, Wisconsin	Senior	6-4	291	Prairie du Sac, Wis.
C	NACHO ALBERGAMO, Louisiana State	Senior	6-2	257	Marrero, La.
G	HARRY GALBREATH, Tennessee	Senior	6-1	267	Clarksville, Tenn.
G	STEVE WISNIEWSKI, Penn State	Junior	6-4	260	Houston
QB	DON McPHERSON, Syracuse	Senior	6-0	189	West Hempstead, N.Y.
RB	CRAIG HEYWARD, Pittsburgh	Junior	6-0	260	Passaic, N.J.
RB	BOBBY HUMPHREY, Alabama	Junior	6-1	187	Birmingham, Ala.

Pos.	Name & School	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
NT	TED GREGORY, Syracuse	Senior	6-1	260	East Islip, N.Y.
DL	CHAD HENNINGS, Air Force	Senior	6-5	260	Elberon, Iowa
DL	MARK MESSNER, Michigan	Junior	6-3	248	Hartland, Mich.
DL	NEIL SMITH, Nebraska	Senior	6-5	260	New Orleans
DL	DANIEL STUBBS, Miami (Fla.)	Senior	6-4	250	Red Bank, N.J.
LB	AUNDRAY BRUCE, Auburn	Senior	6-6	236	Montgomery, Ala.
LB	CLIFFORD CHARLTON, Florida	Senior	6-2	232	Tallahassee, Fla.
LB	KEN NORTON, UCLA	Senior	6-2	220	Los Angeles
LB	CHRIS SPIELMAN, Ohio State	Senior	6-2	236	Massillon, Ohio
DB	BENNIE BLADES, Miami (Fla.)	Senior	6-0	215	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
DB	LOUIS OLIVER, Florida	Junior	6-2	222	Belle Glade, Fla.
DB	MICKEY PRUITT, Colorado	Senior	6-1	205	Chicago
DB	DEION SANDERS, Florida State	Junior	6-0	190	Fort Myers, Fla.

Pos.	Name & School	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
KR	BARRY SANDERS (RB), Okla. St.	Soph.	5-8	180	Wichita, Kan.
PK	DAVID TREADWELL, Clemson	Senior	6-1	165	Jacksonville, Fla.
P	SCOTT TABOR, California	Senior	6-3	200	Lakeport, Calif.

\*Selected as All-Purpose player.

Pos.	Name & School	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
WR	ERNE JONES, Indiana	Senior	6-0	185	Elkhart, Ind.
WR	LAWYER TILLMAN, Auburn	Junior	6-4	224	Mobile, Ala.
TE	KEITH JACKSON, Oklahoma	Senior	6-3	242	Little Rock, Ark.
T	TONY MANDARICH, Michigan State	Junior	6-5	297	Oakville, Ontario
T	MIKE ZANDOSKY, Washington	Junior	6-2	296	Corvallis, Ore.
C	MATT WILSON, Texas A&M	Senior	6-5	275	Houston
G	RANDALL McDANIEL, Arizona State	Senior	6-5	261	Avondale, Ariz.
G	ANTHONY PHILLIPS, Oklahoma	Junior	6-3	280	Tulsa, Okla.
QB	TROY AIKMAN, UCLA	Junior	6-3	217	Henryetta, Okla.
RB	GASTON GREEN, UCLA	Senior	5-10	190	Gardena, Calif.
RB	LORENZO WHITE, Michigan State	Senior	5-11	211	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
RB	*ERIC METCALF, Texas	Junior	5-9	178	Alexandria, Va.

Pos.	Name & School	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
NT	DAVE HAIGHT, Iowa	Junior	6-3	260	Dyersville, Iowa
DL	JETHRO FRANKLIN, Fresno State	Senior	6-2	260	San Jose, Calif.
DL	MICHAEL DEAN PERRY, Clemson	Senior	6-2	275	Aiken, S.C.
DL	DARRELL REED, Oklahoma	Senior	6-2	225	Cypress, Tex.
DL	BRODERICK THOMAS, Nebraska	Junior	6-3	235	Houston
LB	ZEKE GADSON, Pittsburgh	Senior	6-1	210	Frogmore, S.C.
LB	CARNELL LAKE, UCLA	Junior	6-1	210	Inglewood, Calif.
LB	PAUL McGOWAN, Florida State	Senior	6-1	230	Winter Park, Fla.
LB	DERRICK THOMAS, Alabama	Junior	6-4	222	Miami
DB	CHUCK CECIL, Arizona	Senior	6-1	179	Hanford, Calif.
DB	RICKEY DIXON, Oklahoma	Senior	5-10	187	Dallas
DB	TERRY McDANIEL, Tennessee	Senior	5-10	177	Saginaw, Mich.
DB	FALANDA NEWTON, Texas Christian	Junior	6-2	201	Fort Worth

Pos.	Name & School	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
KR	DONNELL WOOLFORD (DB), Clemson	Junior	5-10	198	Fayetteville, N.C.
PK	CHIP LOHMILLER, Minnesota	Senior	6-3	198	Woodbury, Minn.
P	BARRY HELTON, Colorado	Senior	6-4	200	Simla, Colo.

\*Selected as All-Purpose player.

**DEFENSE**

Oliver Florida S 10

Pruitt Colorado S 10

Blades Miami (Fla.) S 10

Sanders Florida State CB 10

Charlton Florida LB 20

Spielman Ohio State LB 20

Norton UCLA LB 20

Bruce Auburn LB 20

Hennings Air Force T 30

Messner Michigan T 30

Gregory Syracuse NT 30

Smith Nebraska T 30

Stubbs Miami (Fla.) E 30

**OFFENSE**

Sharpe So. Carolina WR 40

Brown Notre Dame WR 40

Cadigan Southern Cal T 40

Galbreath Tennessee G 40

Albergamo Louisiana St. C 40

Wisniewski Penn State G 40

Gruber Wisconsin T 40

Carter Florida State TE 40

Davis Louisiana St. WR 40

McPherson Syracuse QB 50

Heyward Pittsburgh RB 50

Humphrey Alabama RB 50

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Treadwell Clemson K 50

Taber California P 50



## COLUMNS

STAN ISLE

# Realignment in Howsam's Expansion Plan

ST. LOUIS—Expressing belief that his compromise proposal "has a chance to make baseball stronger than ever," Bob Howsam offered a blueprint for expansion as baseball's top brass prepared for the winter meetings in Dallas. In an interview with Norm Clarke of the Rocky Mountain News in Denver, the former general manager of the Cardinals and Reds, now retired to Glenwood Springs, Colo., warned of the dangers of a confrontation between politicians and baseball. Heated words could lead to hardened positions and hurt expansion efforts, said Howsam, who has found himself on both sides of the issue during his 40-year career in professional sports. Howsam urges major league owners to award four franchises, three in the National League and one in the American League, boosting the number of teams to 30. He would give the new franchises three years of "lead" time to build their organizations and develop farm systems. In the fourth year, he would permit the new clubs to take part in an expansion draft of major league players and begin league competition. Howsam's third step would be to realign the 30 teams in six five-team divisions, three in each league, or to create a three-league format, with two five-team divisions in each league. In the three-league format, a round-robin World Series among the three champions would have to be considered. Finally, Howsam said baseball must help Congress realize the importance of some antitrust protection for all professional sports. Sen. Tim Wirth (D-Colo.) chairs a 14-member Senate Task Force on Expansion—all members are from states seeking major league franchises—that has



Tim Burke ... Unrecognized.

asked for meetings with Commissioner Peter Ueberroth, American League President Bobby Brown and National League President A. Bartlett Giamatti. Inaction by baseball, task force members have warned, could lead to a loss of baseball's antitrust exemption. Reportedly, some task force members have been stirred to action by stories that the N.L. was prepared to block any immediate expansion attempts by the A.L.

**ONE FOR THE BOOK:** If there was an award for unrecognized achievement, it would have to go to Expos reliever Tim Burke. The Montreal righthander, in his third major league season, finished 7-0 with a 1.19 earned-run average and 18 saves. Among the 88 relievers who appeared in 40 or more games, Burke had

the best ratio in permitting baserunners (by hits and walks), 8.01 per nine innings. Blue Jays reliever Tom Henke had the second best ratio, 8.33. Next were Dennis Eckersley of the A's, 8.57; Dave Smith of the Astros, 9.00, and Pat Perry of the Cardinals and Reds, 9.44. ... If Herschel Walker were host to a dinner party for four persons of his choice, to whom would he send invitations? The Dallas Cowboys' running back said he would invite Donald Trump, Clint Eastwood, Pope John Paul II and Prince, in that order.

**AROUND THE HORN:** Billy DeMars, sacked as Reds hitting instructor late in the season, is waiting for the telephone to ring at his home in Clearwater, Fla. DeMars, whose \$80,000 salary was considered excessive by Reds Owner Marge Schott, is puzzled by developments since leaving Cincinnati. "You're talking about a guy who was called the best hitting coach in baseball," said DeMars. "I feel like I'm one of the best third base coaches around, too. But nobody has called. It's baffling." ... Lee Trevino, who hit the jackpot for \$310,000 in the made-for-television Skins Game, knows pro golf fame can be fleeting. "A woman had me autograph a \$5 bill once and told me she would keep it the rest of her life," Trevino recalled. "A half-hour later, I bought some drinks with a \$20 bill. When the change came back, the \$5 bill was in it."

**WHEEL OF FORTUNE:** Jeff Reardon, ace of the world champion Twins' bullpen, is trying to squelch rumors that he wants to escape Minnesota. The Twins renewed Reardon's contract at \$850,000, about \$25,000 more than he made in 1987, but a

clause in the pact leaves the righthander with four options. He can become a free agent on March 15, retract the clause and play for \$850,000 plus a potential \$100,000 in bonuses, sign a new contract with Minnesota or demand a trade. The trade possibility is admittedly a bargaining tool. "I absolutely love the Twin Cities," said Reardon. "I feel the worst thing about this is what the fans might think of me. This is just something I had to do. When you have a right like that you have to exercise it. I'm hoping something will be worked out."

... CBS television sports anchorman Brent Musburger describes Barry Switzer, coach of the top-ranked Oklahoma Sooners, as "the Rhett Butler of college football."

**FOOTNOTES:** Although Red Sox outfielder Mike Greenwell was an also-ran in American League Rookie of the Year voting, he has earned his niche in Fort Myers (Fla.) High School sports annals. Fort Myers officials retired his uniform number (2) in halftime ceremonies at their homecoming football game. Greenwell quarterbacked Fort Myers gridders for three seasons in addition to starring in baseball. ... St. Louis Cardinals Coach Gene Stallings doesn't like to be reminded of the decision by player personnel director George Boone to draft quarterback Kelly Stouffer, who is unsigned. "When Kelly Stouffer signs," said Stallings, "I hope he can play defensive tackle." ... Sportscaster Dick Enberg, recalling his days as a Little League umpire, knows the lot of an arbiter is not easy. "When parents and kids started arguing with me as I walked to my car, I knew \$7.50 (per game) wasn't enough," said Enberg.

BOB VERDI

# Trevino Found Best Way to Skin Three Legends

LA QUINTA, Calif.—There were bright bursts of morning sunshine peering over the Santa Rosa Mountains and into Lee Trevino's eyes. He had the honors at No. 17, a par-three hole they call "Alcatraz" because it's an easier place to dock a boat than to land a golf ball. You've seen bigger lily pads.

But as soon as Trevino cut his 6-iron shot from the elevated tee toward the flagstick some 165 yards away, he knew it was special. Spectators watching the island green below concurred. First an anticipatory murmur, then a roar, then an outburst as the ball hopped once, twice and disappeared into the cup.

Trevino, calm for an instant, turned toward his left.

"It went in!" he chirped.

"Santa Claus!" gushed Herman Mitchell, Trevino's regular round mound of caddie.

Beside this frolicking tandem stood three of the sport's legends—Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Fuzzy Zoeller—all of whom comprehended that they had been rendered extras in this year's Skins Game at PGA West, the Persian Gulf of golf layouts for all the calamities it offers. That fellow over there doing the Mexican hat dance had done them in with one swing of the club. An ace for \$175,000. For that kind of bread, at least a guy should have to putt, too.

When you or I get a hole in one, we have to direct the ball through a windmill or an alligator's teeth. Then a bell or a siren sounds, and we win a free game. But Trevino's Rembrandt was no miniature or

muni event.

"Considering the circumstances, the most astounding hole in one I've ever witnessed," Palmer said, and it was his Bay Hill tournament last March at which Don Pooley's ace meant a prize of \$1 million. The Skins fandango doesn't quite dabble in such numbers yet, and some critics contend it would be more effective if the players put up their own cash. Not a logical idea, interrupted Zoeller.

"We are the show, aren't we?" he asked. "Are you going to go to the Super Bowl and want the football players to put up their money?"

Besides, the TV audience laps up Skins. This extended version of Thanksgiving routinely posts shining ratings—often better than the "major tournaments." This year, Skins V clobbered a new foe—Stakes Tennis, a Skins takeoff that didn't take off. Don Ohlmeyer, the Skins producer, theorized that the Stakes thing had something to do with Ivan Lendl wanting to repair his image. But, quipped Ohlmeyer, "That'll be tough unless they remove that bolt from his neck."

Trevino, \$100,000 in his pocket already, exercised a hustler's timing when he lifted that 6-iron out of his bag. The glittering group of entrepreneurs had gone four consecutive holes at \$35,000 per without a claimant to any of the house's cash. It's a one-tie, all-tie format, and the best way to dash that type of tension is with the perfect shot at the perfect moment.

"Crazy," Trevino said. "I've been playing golf for 35 years, and that's only

my second hole in one—and the first one I've seen. Maybe 10 years ago at Pleasant Valley (Mass.) I had the other. But it was early in the morning, and I'd been out all night, so I had to be told about it."

Trevino completed his desert kill at the somewhat anticlimactic 18th hole with a birdie. Thus, Trevino's gross receipts for the event totalled \$310,000, plus two cars—one for the hole in one, another for capturing the last skin. Both vehicles were supplied by Toyota, a firm that already employs Trevino. He promised to order 'em loaded, with power everything.

"That's \$26,000 each," he said. "Only thing I didn't get was the dough from the Nassau Fuzzy and I had with Jack and Arnold. We closed 'em out on No. 17, and they pressed us. Where are those guys?"

Nicklaus had bolted with his \$70,000, as had Zoeller with a like amount. Palmer was whitewashed, but worry not. The King is perhaps the wealthiest athlete alive—\$7.5 million in endorsements annually—and, Lord knows, the galleries still adore him. He's still long off the tee, but the short strokes aren't what they used to be, and Arnie might wish to move on to Senior Skins. Nicklaus, 47, played well enough, but his putts repeatedly burned the edges.

"That's really what got me going here," Trevino said. "I went back to the hotel and putted on the rug last night. I had the club too close to my body. So I fixed my stroke, and when I canned that one on No. 10, I told Herman, 'We're going to make some money today.' I feel like I paid the

price for this, though."

Trevino spent 12 days in town, playing practice rounds and beating balls from dawn to dusk—300, 400 a session, until his hands developed blisters. He also has been dieting. He expanded to nearly 200 pounds last year and is intent on reaching his preferred weight of 180.

"I don't have the patience to practice like I used to," Trevino said. "But even though you tend to get that way at my age, this is different. The Skins is a lot of money. You think I'm excited? You should see my wife, Claudia. Herman handed me the same ball on the 18th tee that I'd gotten the ace with. If I'd have hooked that in the lake, Claudia would have made me swim after it."

The windfall was fair payback for Trevino, who grew up around Dallas using taped-up bottles instead of the clubs he couldn't afford. Shortly after he became serious about the sport, he was introduced to a version of skins.

"It was always me and two Salinas brothers against some gringo," Trevino recalled. "We'd play \$1 a hole. The Mexican team always won. If the gringo bogeyed, only one Mexican made par. We'd each make 33 cents, which was better than nothing. Pressure is playing for five bucks when you've only got a buck in your pocket. Ain't no pressure in this."

Still, after his partners followed his miracle with their tee shots at No. 17, Trevino tiptoed up to the cup to make sure. The ball was still down there, just waiting for a big smooch.



## COLUMNS

MIKE DOWNEY

## Bo Is Sports' Premier Jackson of All Trades

LOS ANGELES—What would you do if you were Vincent Jackson?

Vince, whose friends call him Bo and whose opponents call him Sir, has become America's ultimate two-sport athlete. He plays professional football and major league baseball. He is the Jackson of all trades.

Any morning now we are going to pick up our morning newspaper and read that Bo Jackson is going to play goalie in the National Hockey League, point guard in the National Basketball Association or defense in the Major Indoor Soccer League. Or maybe he is going to drive on the NASCAR circuit; join Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Lee Trevino in the Skins Game or show up some Saturday afternoon bowling on television and talking tenpins with Chris Schenkel.

Better yet, we might wake up to read that Jackson is going to spend his last couple of weeks this season with the Los Angeles Raiders in both of their backfields, offense and defense—maybe play cornerback when he doesn't carry the football. Go both ways, make that Gordie Lockbaum look like a goldbrick.

Vincent Jackson is a remarkable specimen. He is a truck with legs instead of wheels. The guy probably runs on diesel fuel. When you watch him bowling over tacklers in the National Football League, you wonder how any mere college kid ever stopped him back when he was playing for Auburn. You wonder why they waited so long to give him the Heisman Trophy. You wonder why they didn't just hand it over to him before his junior year and say: "Run along now, Bo. Leave us alone."

When he ripped off 91 yards on one play and eventually ran for a Raiders record 221 November 30 at Seattle, Vincent Jackson made his greatest impression yet. He made an impression on the skeptics



Bo Jackson has become the ultimate two-sport athlete.

who doubted that he could succeed in the NFL so quickly after missing all of training camp. And he made a definite

impression on Seahawks linebacker Brian Bosworth, having stepped right over his silly hair. The Boz hadn't seen such brute strength since he sat at ringside and watched Hulk Hogan wrestle King Kong Bundy one night in Seattle.

After the game, Jackson said he and Bosworth were good friends in spirit, each still learning the game and each still benefitting from a strong belief in his own ability. Jackson also unselfishly praised his blockers for making the evening possible, and the Raiders reciprocated by saying that they sure were impressed with Bo.

The Seahawks agreed. Wide receiver Steve Largent praised Jackson lavishly, then concluded his remarks by saying, "I think he ought to play baseball."

As in: Leave us alone.

Well, this is precisely Vincent Jackson's predicament. What game should he play? Should he play baseball for the Kansas City Royals, for whom he spent his rookie season hitting home runs and missing sliders? Or should he play football with the Raiders, who are prepared to name that Irwindale gravel pit Vincent Jackson Stadium if only he will agree to stay.

What would you do? For starters, it is still assumed that he cannot do both. Dave DeBusschere had to decide. Danny Ainge had to decide. Too Tall Jones had to decide. Anybody who has ever tried two sports professionally eventually had to decide. Bo Jackson, for all his gifts, might be able to go one more year as both an outfielder and a running back, but nobody believes he can go longer than that.

Including, Bo, evidently. After the game with Seattle, he reiterated an earlier position, saying that in time he would give up one of his occupations. Pressed to name which one, Jackson said, as he had once before, that it "probably would be football." Remember, he said this about 20

minutes after picking up 221 yards on prime-time television.

In baseball, as he never has in football, Bo Jackson has tasted failure. All that striking out must be exasperating. That bench time he spent must have been humbling. Nevertheless, his raw power is astonishing, his potential is awesome and a leap from college baseball to the majors is a lot more difficult, strictly in terms of skill, than the leap from college to pro football, a sport in which physical superiority counts for so much.

Also, in baseball, it is less likely that Bo Jackson would break as many bones, although it is difficult to imagine what it would take to break one of this guy's bones. He has a body made out of mahogany. Football players tend to end up as permanently damaged as prized fighters. Baseball players can last 15 years on the field, then walk away without a limp.

On the other side of the coin, Jackson possibly could become a good baseball player, but probably would become a great football player. He is already great enough that Marcus Allen is willing to move to fullback, and Napoleon McCallum could not come close to cracking the starting backfield even if the Navy gave him shore leave. Bo Jackson is a younger, stronger, faster Walter Payton.

So what do you do? Play baseball? Remember, coming out of college, this was Jackson's original choice. Play football? Remember, Jackson said his football career was over and later called it "just a hobby." Or keep trying to play both? If he could do that, it might make him the greatest athlete America has known.

Knowing this guy, he probably will play both, then turn up at the Olympics—in the 100-meter dash and in synchronized swimming.

ART SPANDER

## Knight Plays By His Rules, Not Society's

SAN FRANCISCO—On one of those television sports anthologies the other evening, John Wooden allowed that, if given a choice, he would rather be remembered as a good person than a good coach.

Wooden, of course, was both.

Bobby Knight? Well, one out of two ain't bad.

This is not to impugn Knight's disposition. That has been done amply and successfully. Those who know Knight well argue that he is a wonderful human. Those who don't know him well may ask the definition of wonderful.

I offer two of the athletic world's favorite axioms: Winning is everything. Sports do not build character; they reveal it.

Does Bobby Knight win? Answer: unless he's playing the Soviet national team.

Does Bobby Knight build character? Answer: Can we skip this question and go on to the next one?

Much has been made of the fact that Ohio State canned football coach Earle Bruce while Indiana has ignored the indiscretions of basketball coach Bobby Knight.

You thought about the adage mouthed often by the late Vince Lombardi: "If you're not fired with enthusiasm, you'll be

fired with enthusiasm."

Bobby Knight is nothing if not enthusiastic. Earle Bruce? Somebody up in the ivory towers at Ohio State disliked him enthusiastically.

Al Davis, the Los Angeles Raiders' managing general partner, whom nobody seems to like, borrows from Machiavelli to advise us that if one has the option to be admired or feared, it is better to be feared.

That brings us 180 degrees from John Wooden, who believes in being admired. His values are of another era—unfortunately. His record as basketball coach at UCLA, 10 NCAA championships, are for all time.

The issue here is maturity. In simple words, growing up. Chronological age has nothing to do with it. Emotional age has everything to do with it.

Bobby Jones, the golfer, said he had an obnoxious temper as a junior player and was reprimanded often. Eventually, he learned to control that temper. In golf, anger is disadvantageous, not only in one's play, but also in relationships. Golf is a social game. Who wants to be in a foursome with a malcontent?

Yet, in other sports, malcontents proliferate.

Tennis? Where do we start? With John

McEnroe, naturally. Suffice it to say that, unlike John Wooden, McEnroe will not be remembered as a good person.

Basketball? You are offered Robert Montgomery Knight of Bloomington, Ind.

Sport, you see, is not only supposed to provide recreation or entertainment, but also education and discipline.

Somewhere in his formative years, a child who plays games is made to comprehend a set of guidelines, whether they are spelled out, as in Little League, or only agreed upon, as in pickup basketball.

Basically, this is what we're taught: You play by the rules, or you don't play.

But Bobby Knight has amended the rules. In fact, he's mocked them.

His basketball teams must compete within the parameters Knight has established. Knight, however, can do almost anything he pleases.

He has thrown a chair. He has assaulted a policeman in Puerto Rico. He has pounded press tables. And now he has shown the Soviet Union why some of our citizens have been labeled ugly Americans.

All this apparently is permissible because Knight adheres to the code of the 1980s, summarized by the disliked Davis: Just win, Baby.

Love, we were told in a movie, means

never having to say you're sorry. The same seemingly holds true for victory.

Bobby Knight apologized after the forfeit to the Soviets, but his apology was inconsequential. In effect, he told Indiana, indeed all the world, that he will continue to do as he wants.

And because Indiana values basketball more than education and good character, the school will permit Knight conduct unbecoming a gentleman, much less a coach.

We're told organized sport teaches us how to respond to pressure. The Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, a man once said. Years later General Douglas MacArthur postulated: "Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that upon another field, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory."

For Bobby Knight, the strife is never friendly, the attitude rarely rational.

Yet, he wins, and for those who consider only the bottom line—victory—this makes him more than acceptable; this makes him esteemed.

That's the problem.

Not so much with Bobby Knight. He is correct in trying to do what he is able. We are wrong in allowing him to do it.

A good person should still mean as much as a good coach, if not more.



## COLUMNS

JOE GERGEN

# Baseball Again May Be the Land of the Free

NEW YORK—The last two words of "The Star-Spangled Banner," many sports-conscious Americans discover early in life, are these: Play ball! They were added to the standard version over Francis Scott Key's dead body. Key passed on before the alleged creation of General Abner Doubleday developed into the national pastime.

In the original lyrics, the final phrase salutes the land of the free and the home of the brave. The latter does not refer to Ted Turner's flagging franchise in Atlanta, despite its designation as America's Team. Suddenly, however, the former term has relevance to baseball beyond the traditional pregame rendition of the national anthem.

That was the result of slight but discernible movement among the sport's free agents. On December 1, in cities as physically and culturally diverse as San Francisco and Anaheim, front-line players agreed to terms with franchises to which they had no previous contractual obligation. The market has reopened for business after a two-year hiatus.

Although it may not be the bull market that prevailed at the turn of the decade, neither is it the empty exercise that prevailed following the 1985 and 1986 seasons. An impartial arbitrator decided that the owners acted in collusion to limit freedom of choice in 1985. A ruling has yet to be made on the merits of 1986 cases, but the players would appear to hold an insurmountable lead.

"There was primarily no market for the last two years," Andre Dawson said.

Dawson found out the hard way. A frequent All-Star, he completed his assigned term of service with the Montreal Expos, declared himself a free agent and then waited for other clubs to

call. If he hadn't finally taken the initiative, he'd still be waiting.

Dawson did precipitate a move, but only after he made the Chicago Cubs an offer they could not refuse. He signed a blank contract and let them fill in the numbers. They slashed his base salary by more than 50 percent to \$500,000. "They got the deal of the year," he said.

The steal of the year would be closer to the truth. Playing 81 home games in the daylight and on the soft grass of Wrigley Field, Dawson responded with a phenomenal season. He led the National League with 49 home runs and 137 runs batted in and was acclaimed the Most Valuable Player in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, an unprecedented feat for a man employed by a last-place team.

More significant to Dawson was the fact that he felt strong all season and that he felt appreciated by the fans as well as management. He didn't become a free agent to make more money, but to enhance his career.

"I would have had to swallow pride if I let financial matters influence the decision," he said at a Manhattan restaurant, where he accepted his seventh Rawlings Gold Glove for defensive excellence. "I knew if I wanted to prolong my career, I had to get off the artificial turf."

Still, Dawson would have preferred to be paid what he was worth on an open market. He thinks the climate has changed in time for the next class of free agents. Only the previous day, the Giants had announced the acquisition of center fielder Brett Butler and the Angels had signed Chili Davis, who had performed at that position for the Giants.

"It's good to see two bona fide players

change uniforms," Dawson said.

"Certainly, it's a change for the better. Hopefully, it will open things up."

One man who stands to benefit from a change in policy among club owners is Gary Gaetti, the powerful third baseman who emerged as a star in the Minnesota Twins' unlikely drive to an American League pennant and world championship. At 29, Gaetti is in his prime. He also is a free agent. "It's a pretty exciting time for me," he said.

Whether there will be legitimate offers for a man who remains in the Twins' plans and who would like to maintain his residence in the Metrodome is a matter of conjecture. At the very least, perhaps the threat of an open market will produce a Minnesota contract that Gaetti feels is suitable. He has provided his agent with the names of seven teams for which he is interested in playing, including the Twins. The others, in no particular order, are the Cubs, Angels, Dodgers, Blue Jays, Brewers and Tigers.

That didn't mean he was ruling out all others, said Gaetti, who joined Dawson for the Gold Glove announcement. "At this point, I'd consider almost anything," he said. "Why would you want to limit yourself?"

Gaetti has spent his entire career with the Twins' organization and has been a major factor in the team's rise from last to first. He is an emotional player who thrilled to the spectacle of an entire region united behind a team, and he treasured the championship as much as any individual. He would like the chance to defend that championship.

"It's a natural feeling," he said. Still, this may be the one time in his life he has the leverage to determine his baseball future.

"I'm going to do what's best for me," he

said.

Although his profile has become highly visible in the Twin Cities, Gaetti said there has been no surge of business opportunities, perhaps because Minnesota is Minnesota. And when Dr. Bobby Brown, the American League president, presented the Gold Glove winners, he failed to acknowledge Gaetti's presence. The third baseman was seated no more than 10 feet away.

It's unlikely that would happen if he played in a major media market, such as Chicago, for a team that has a national cable audience.

"The recognition (with the Cubs) has been phenomenal," Dawson said. So were the conditions under which he prospered. A year after he challenged the system, eventually forcing baseball's hand, he is content with his place in the game.

Dawson did his part for free agency. He noted that many players expressed their admiration for the risk he took in 1986 and the light it shed on a fraudulent business practice. Others will benefit from free agency next season. Butler received a two-year contract, a raise of approximately 20 percent to \$900,000 and a spot in the lineup of a strong pennant contender. Davis got the reprieve from Candlestick Park he had long sought. Gaetti may know the security of a long-term pact well in excess of \$1 million per year.

It has been suggested that, in all fairness, the Cubs sign a blank contract this time and let Dawson determine his own worth. He's not sure what direction his forthcoming negotiations will take, only that he wishes to remain in Chicago as long as the Cubs will have him. "It's the place I want to be," he said. That's one man's definition of freedom.

## SPORTVIEW

JACK CRAIG

## Musburger's Report Angers NBC Officials

BOSTON—The angry exchanges by the two networks after CBS reported the results of the Skins Game on NBC is of little interest to fans. The game is the thing, not oneupsmanship.

But the exchange between "NFL Today" host Brent Musburger, who gave the results of the golf match, and a few NBC officials involve more than personality clashes.

"It was a cheap shot," NBC spokesman Kevin Monaghan said of Musburger's announcement on "The NFL Today" that Lee Trevino had made a hole in one while emerging as the big winner in the made-for-TV Skins competition that was shown on a tape-delayed basis later that afternoon in most of the country.

"It was a news story," Musburger said. "They do that to us, but we don't whine and cry."

Three days earlier, on Thanksgiving, NBC had aired a special on the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders while CBS was showing "The NFL Today."

The feature story on the cheerleaders was especially inappropriate on a family holiday and did not enhance the image of Dick Enberg, a true professional who was left to hype the feature during the preceding Chiefs-Lions telecast.

All in all, it was not NBC's finest hour.

Things were far simpler in the old days. During the 1960s, network sports were viewed alternately as a temporary phenomenon or as a necessary nuisance.

By the early '70s, sports were recognized as profit centers, bringing changes in thinking and leadership. In the '80s they have become heavy financial investments, involving high risk, often with executives who view sports as a bridge to loftier network positions. Sports programs become slaves to ratings and are shown in a fiercely competitive atmosphere.

Bill MacPhail, head of sports at the Cable News Network, was sports chief at CBS from 1955-74. In contrast to the videotape issue that sparked the Skins Game controversy, MacPhail recalled the CBS Golf Classic in the late '50s and '60s.

The Classic involved partners in match play and used the stepladder format. It was taped each fall at Firestone Country Club in Akron, O., then shown on Saturdays from January through March.

"No one gave away any results. A Cleveland sportswriter at the final match printed the results one year, but he didn't mean anything by it," MacPhail said.

Taped sports events then were very common, allowing coverage to be reduced to a designated time period. Auto racing

would be seen after a one-day delay. "ABC's Wide World of Sports" relied heavily on tape. Even Wimbledon was carried on a tape-delayed basis.

Today's generation, which deems a three-hour, same-day delay an outrage, must wonder how fans could enjoy an event a week after it takes place, with the results already known.

A rivalry did exist among the networks, MacPhail said, but the unwritten rules were different.

"I would never go to a major event being televised by another network. It was not my show," he said.

Executives from all three networks now attend major telecasts such as the Masters, the Kentucky Derby and the NCAA Final Four, trying to make connections that will allow them to gain the future TV rights to that event.

Another major change, MacPhail believes, was brought about by agents. "I refused to negotiate with one until about 1965. I felt we didn't need a third party. For years, Pat Summerall and I would just sit down and quickly agree."

Even producers and directors now have agents, leading to contracts in the \$300,000 range. This has made them an easy target during leaner times, which began at the networks in 1984. There is so much

emerging productions talent, the networks reasoned, why not hire a fellow too young to be temperamental who'll work twice as hard for one-third as much money?

Announcers would not switch networks in the old days, either, MacPhail noted. Now agents scheme to develop a bidding contest for their clients' services. Occasionally, an executive at one network with the power to hire an announcer at another network employs the same agent. This leads to hints of switches planted in the press. Things sometimes get very complicated.

MacPhail says money is at the core of the stress at networks now.

"I wouldn't want to negotiate some of those deals now," he said.

MacPhail cites a pro football arrangement to contrast the differences between then and now.

In 1956, CBS contracted with 11 of the 12 NFL teams for television rights to their games for the next three seasons. Fees ranged from \$35,000-\$180,000 per team per year. Each NFL team will receive slightly more than \$16 million in network cash in 1987.

That kind of investment causes tension that will bubble over again at the networks—and lead to more disputes similar to that over the Skins Game.



## THE ANSWER MAN

### JOHN DUXBURY

**Q.** Did Rod Carew ever win any batting titles while playing in the minor leagues? . . . Jon S. White, Phoenix.

**A.** No. In his first season, in 1964 with the Melbourne Twins in the Cocoa Rookie League, Carew hit .325 but didn't have enough plate appearances to qualify for the batting title. In 1965, he hit .303 for Orlando and finished second in the Florida State League batting race behind Harvey Yancey of Tampa, who hit .305. In 1966, with Wilson (Carolina), Carew hit .292 and was 10th in the league. Jose Calero of Winston-Salem won with a .330 mark.

**Q.** Did the Philadelphia Warriors of the National Basketball Association move to San Francisco and eventually change their name to Golden State Warriors or did they change their name to the Philadelphia 76ers? . . . Ryan Keefer, Herndon, Va.

**A.** After the 1961-62 NBA season, the Warriors moved to San Francisco. Before the 1971-72 season, when the team moved permanently to the Oakland Coliseum Arena, the team was renamed the Golden State Warriors.

Philadelphia had no NBA team in the 1962-63 season, but the Syracuse Nationals were purchased in the spring of 1963 and became the Philadelphia 76ers in 1963-64.



**Don Haskins has amassed a .696 winning percentage in 26 years as coach at the University of Texas-El Paso.**

**Q.** What is Don Haskins' record as basketball coach at Texas-El Paso? Where does he rank on all-time coaching lists? . . . Michael S. Raileanu, Austin, Tex.

**A.** Entering the 1987-88 season, Haskins had a 493-215 record in 26 seasons at UTEP. According to the 1987-88 NCAA basketball record book, he ranks 38th in career winning percentage with a .696 mark and 24th in victories among Division I coaches.

**Q.** What were the scores of Duke's games in the 1984 NCAA basketball tournament? . . . Don Hill, Danville, Va.

**A.** Duke played only one game in the 1984 NCAA tourney. It was eliminated by Washington, 80-78, in the second round of the West Regional in Pullman, Wash.

**Q.** What were the dimensions of the Polo Grounds? . . . Patrick Weaver, King Salmon, Alaska.

**A.** In "The Green Cathedrals," Philip J. Lowry's book about baseball parks, he points out "there's a lot of confusion" regarding the measurement of the old New York park because distances were changed on outfield signs numerous times. He lists 20 changes in the distances to center field and notes that the distances down the foul lines were never marked.

For the Polo Grounds' last sea-

son, as the home of the New York Mets in 1963, THE SPORTING NEWS Official Baseball Guide listed the dimensions as 279 feet down the left field line, 480 feet to center and 257 feet down the right field line.

**ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** Mel McGaha, who played for Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl on January 1, 1947, played with the New York Knicks

in 1948-49 and managed the Cleveland Indians and Kansas City Athletics. (What man played in a Cotton Bowl football game, played in the Basketball Association of America and managed a major league baseball team?)

**THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** What three men have played in the championship game of an NCAA basketball tournament

and coached an NBA championship team?

Do you have a question on sports history, trivia or records? If so, send it to John Duxbury, THE SPORTING NEWS, P.O. Box 56, St. Louis, Mo. 63166. Please understand that because of the large volume of mail we cannot answer all letters in the column and we cannot personally respond to letters.



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## KEEPING SCORE

WITH BOB MCCOY

### The Better Half

On the cover of the September issue of *Runner's World* is a blurb for a story called "Eat Right, Run Healthy." The magazine's cover girl—promoting an "I Love Running" contest—is marathoner Nancy Ditz.

Ditz (it's pronounced Deetz) placed seventh, the best finish by an American, in the women's marathon at the World Track and Field Championships last summer in Rome. More recently, she's been on the move promoting physical fitness with a "half is more" theme.

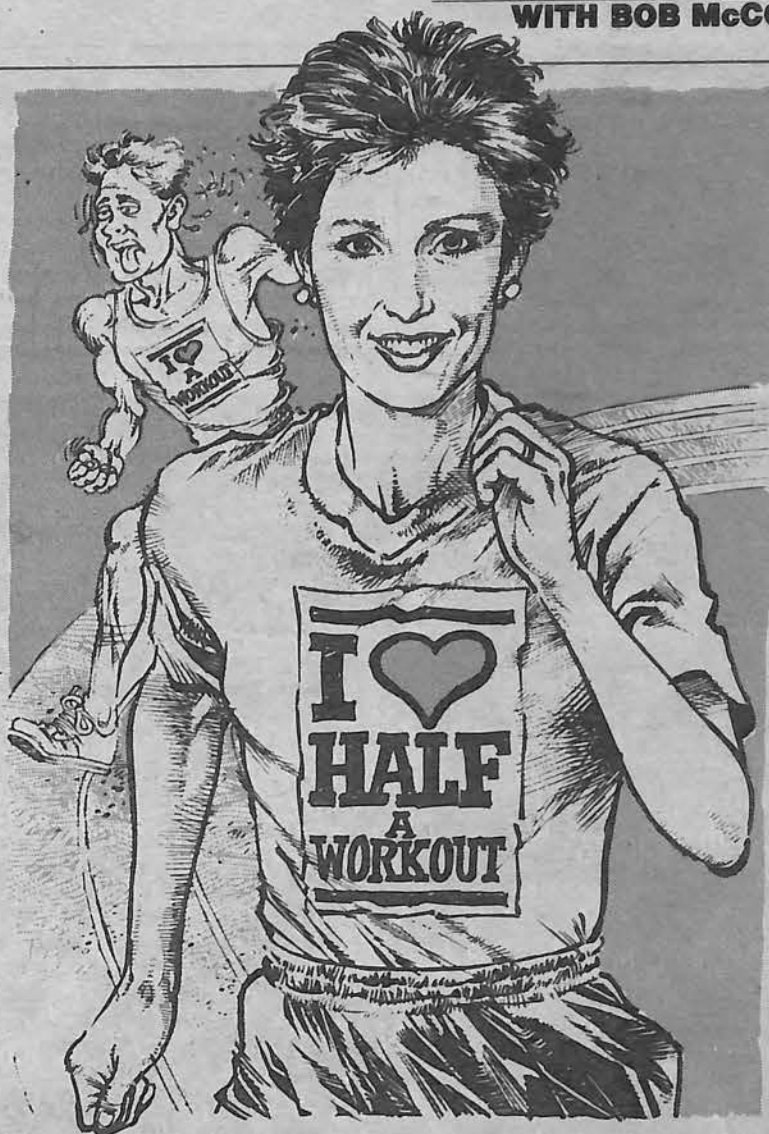
Her message could be good news for someone still bloated from Thanksgiving and looking for a way to get through the Christmas eating season. If a workout program is inevitable, why not make it a half-workout?

No kidding. Since the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs published its report in 1977, moderation has become a way of life. Americans are watching their cholesterol, and there are "light" versions of just about everything, from beer to salad dressing.

Ditz is a spokesperson for Taster's Choice Colombian Select coffee, which has half the caffeine of regular instant coffee. She has promoted and participated in a series of three half-marathons sponsored by Colombian Select. Those races were in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

"They're kind of grassroots events," Ditz said. "We're trying to build the half-marathon as an alternative to the full marathon, which can take too much out of you in terms of preparation and recovery time."

Until the last couple of years, the prevailing theory about exercising was that one couldn't get enough. People would sweat through intensive aerobics



classes, swim hundreds of laps or jog until they dropped—all for the purpose of making their bodies perfect. This was going on even though doctors warned about the risk of an athlete becoming addicted to his own endorphins—the natural stimulants released by the brain when the body is under unusual exertion.

More recently, the tide has turned. Walking and low-impact aerobics are in vogue, and road running clubs are offering more "fun runs" instead of marathons.

"The half-marathon is an event

of growing importance," said Fred Lebow, president of the New York Roadrunners Club, which coordinates the New York Marathon. "People are realizing it is far better to run half the distance than not to participate in a race at all."

Ditz agrees, saying, "Perhaps some people were guilty of running too much, pushing themselves to the limit. Now, they are learning this isn't necessary and that sometimes running less is actually better for you."

She says it's never too late to

launch a workout routine. "A lot of people are put off by starting to exercise," she said, "but if you follow 'half is more,' you don't have to do something every day. Running or working out three times a week can produce the same results. It's just a matter of being consistent."

Ditz, 33, is a Stanford University graduate who has been married to lawyer Bruce Moshbacher for 11 years. At age 25, she began running to get in shape. By 1982, he was serious about marathoning and gained her first victory in the San Francisco Marathon. She failed to qualify for the Olympic marathon in 1984, finishing seventh in the U.S. trials, but she expects to gain one of the three berths that will be open in the 1988 trials May 1 in Pittsburgh.

In addition to her training, which includes running 80 to 100 miles a week, Ditz is a reporter for KBIX-TV in San Francisco, doing mostly "good news" stories about high school athletes. Then there's the "half is more" work. Ditz has helped prepare a pamphlet, free to the public, that provides time-saving exercise tips and household hints. For instance, did you know that in a pinch, you can polish your shoes with hand lotion? Or that fresh lemon juice is a good salt substitute? To obtain the booklet, write: Colombian Select Guide, P.O. Box 5137, Bergenfield, N.J. 07621.

Ditz advocates family exercise and is alarmed at the paucity of youngsters who work out. "Kids are naturally fit," she said, "but our society has invented a technology that keeps them from exercising."

Although she's 33, Ditz isn't wearing out. "I've been told I'm too old," she said. "But Carlos Lopes (1984 men's Olympic marathon winner) is older than I am, and Priscilla Welch, who won the New York Marathon, is 42. I'm planning to be around for 1992."

### INSIDERS SAY

**AL McGUIRE**, the former Marquette University coach who is an analyst on NBC college basketball telecasts: "I don't know why people question the academic training of a student-athlete. Half the doctors in the country graduated in the bottom half of their class."

**MARTY BRENNAMAN**, play-by-play voice of the Cincinnati Reds, who will team with Joe Nuxhall strictly on radio next season after two years of doubling up on radio and television, with the result that the Reds will be able to earn more money from radio advertising (they hold their own radio rights, and the broadcasts have high ratings) while Brennaman, without the TV income, will make less: "I'm in one of those positions where I'm so good that it's going to cost me money."

**LEROY KEYES**, the two-way halfback in the late 1960s who was selected by Purdue football fans this fall as the Boilermakers' greatest player, recalling a 28-21 victory over Notre Dame in 1967 and a 37-22 triumph over the Irish in 1968: "I always figured if you beat Notre Dame, the Pope would know about it. I was surprised I never got a call from Pope John, or whoever it was then."

**KEITH JACKSON**, All-America tight end at Oklahoma, which has earned its No. 1 ranking by running the football: "Being a pass catcher at Oklahoma is like trying to make a living as a solo cellist."

**ERIC DICKERSON**, responding to critics of the running back's salary demands, which led to a trade from the Los Angeles Rams to the Indianapolis Colts, who then signed Dickerson to a four-year, \$5.7 million contract: "The average person just says, 'I have three or four kids, I'm making \$40,000 a year and I'm barely making ends meet. He's making \$600,000 (the deal with the Colts actually pays \$1.3 million a year). Why is he complaining?' Well, first, I didn't make the guy have four or five kids. Second of all, if he's a mailman or whatever, he chose that profession. I didn't choose his career for him. If he wants to make \$600,000 or \$800,000, he should have played professional football, been an attorney or played basketball."

**SONNY SMITH**, Auburn basketball coach, on 6-11½, 195-pound freshman stringbean Matt Geiger: "If he ever gets a hangin' offense, they could never hang him. His rear end isn't big enough to snap the rope."

### The Good Dr. Y

While Nancy Ditz is talking of doing half as much to stay physically fit, Dr. John Yiamouyiannis of Delaware, O., advocates making a total commitment to a disease-free life with a program he calls High Performance Health.

Dr. who? Yiamouyiannis (pronounced Yah-me-ah-ness) is a 44-year-old biochemist who has become a health crusader. Dr. Y, as he is known, has lectured throughout the English-speaking world and has written a book about his program.

Over 20 years, Dr. Y has used his children to develop High Performance Health, which incorporates nutrition, exercise, the environment, sleep habits and mental attitude. The prime proving ground is his oldest daughter, Carmen, who set three track records at Ohio State University and in 1984 became the first woman younger than 21 ever to finish the famed Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii. Four Yiamouyiannis sisters—two in college and two in high school—combined this year to set an Ohio women's record for the two-mile relay.

"The Ironman concludes with a

full marathon, and Carmen finished even though the farthest she'd ever run before was four miles," Dr. Y said. "Her performance wasn't all that surprising, though, because she has the lowest body fat content ever measured at Ohio State."

Reducing body mass is a basic of Dr. Y's program. He contends that he can turn a slovenly person into the athletic cream of the crop, and he's constantly challenged to prove his points.

While lecturing recently at Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, Dr. Y received such a challenge. "I called for the biggest person in the auditorium to come forward," he said. "He weighed 250 pounds or so, but I put him on my shoulders and did squats while continuing my talk. When I finished, everyone in the auditorium wanted to buy my book."

Ah, yes, the book. For information, write: Health Action Press, 6439 Taggart Road, Delaware, O. 43015. And don't worry. Dr. Y promises that you don't have to be on tofu to build yourself into a high-performance machine.

### Good Ol' TCDSA

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Every sport imaginable is covered in the 235-page guide, which has 3,500 listings (and no pictures). In addition to the compilation of teams and leagues, there's a directory of sports collectors and sports hobby shops.

Kobak has roots in New England. He grew up in New Haven, Conn., and his parents own a ski lodge in Ludlow, Vt., near Okemo Mountain. But he escaped to Biscayne College in Miami, where he majored in sports administration. That led to jobs with the Miami Amigos of the Inter-American Baseball League, the Lancaster

Lightning of the Continental Basketball Association, the Denver Comets of the International Volleyball Association and the Professional Beach Volleyball Tour.

Kobak admits that "self-publishing is a tough business." But at the worst, he always knows where to look for a sports-related job. It's at his fingertips in TCDSA.

### What a Game

Our early season candidate for the wackiest game of the season in college basketball was played December 1, between Roanoke College of Salem, Va., and Greensboro (N.C.) College. The lads had played almost eight minutes before officials discovered that they were using a women's basketball, which is smaller than the men's version.

As visiting Roanoke recorded a 90-64 victory, an unidentified Greensboro student tried to do his part for the home side. As Roanoke's Pat Muldowney attempted to make an inbound pass, his uniform pants were yanked down from behind by the student.

In the heat of being pantsed, Muldowney responded by taking a swipe at the assailant. After the game, he said, "I lost my head, and I regret it now."



## PRO FOOTBALL

## HEADLINERS

## Bo Jackson Leaving 'Em Awestruck

LOS ANGELES—Reaction was swift around the National Football League after Bo Jackson's electrifying performance against Seattle on Monday Night Football November 30.

The Los Angeles Raiders rookie running back celebrated his 25th birthday by rushing 18 times for 221 yards, including a club-record 91-yard touchdown that equaled the eighth-longest run from scrimmage in NFL history. He also caught a 14-yard touchdown pass in the Raiders' 37-14 victory.

Said Denver Broncos defensive coordinator Joe Collier, "I was walking past the TV set Monday night when he broke that first run and it happened so fast, I thought it must have been a 30- or 40-yarder. I couldn't believe it when I watched the replay and it was 91."

Nearly half of the Raiders' team chased Jackson down a Kingdome tunnel to congratulate him. Linebacker Rod Martin was so exhausted, he needed oxygen when he returned to the bench. Jackson hardly broke a sweat.

Later, Jackson scored on a two-yard run on which he carried Seahawks rookie linebacker Brian Bosworth into the end zone.

"Bosworth did his job," Chicago Bears Coach Mike Ditka said to New York's WNEW Radio. "He

just didn't figure he was going to have to tackle a train."

Jackson scored his first NFL touchdown November 22 on an eye-popping, 35-yard run, during which he stuck his helmet into the chest of Denver's Mike Harden and sent the cornerback sprawling. On the sideline, Jackson's teammates were awestruck.

"For the first time in a long time, I got chills down my spine on a football field watching someone else do something," Long said. "It's obviously real early to speculate, but from what I've heard from opposing players, he's the best thing they've ever seen."

Jackson's 221-yard game against Seattle was the 10th best in NFL history and broke the Raiders' single-game rushing record of 200 yards set by Clem Daniels in 1963.

Making Jackson's performances all the more amazing is the fact that he made a quick transition to football after playing the outfield for the Kansas City Royals during the 1987 baseball season.

"A lot of older people tell me he's the reincarnation of Jim Brown," said Martin. "He's just awesome. With the talent he has, I don't even know why he'd be looking for a curveball to hit."

"I'm six pounds heavier (at 230) and a step slower than in col-



Bo Jackson

lege," Jackson said. "It's just been a matter of getting my timing. I've been comfortable since the first week I got here."

Coach Tom Flores is not optimistic about having Jackson for an entire season next year.

"I don't know his (plans) right now," Flores said. "I have not personally asked him. But I think he's made it quite clear that when spring ball comes around, he's going to be in baseball camp."

Broncos quarterback John Elway, who also played baseball in college and played one summer in the New York Yankees' organization, wondered about Jackson's plans.

"I can't imagine making all that money and playing all year and not having time to spend it," said Elway.

## Nobody More Surprised At Return Than Rogers

DETROIT—Detroit Lions Owner William Clay Ford surprised everyone with his announcement December 3 that Darryl Rogers would return in 1988 as the Lions' head coach. But no one was more surprised than Rogers himself.

"I make no bones about that. For him to make that decision at this time surprised me," said Rogers, whose team had a 2-9 record and was coming off a 27-20 loss to Kansas City.

"I don't blame all of our problems this year—and we've had enough of them—all on Darryl," said Ford. "I can't, in good conscience, point the finger at Darryl."

"If they started any popularity contests, or if I get any mail, I'm sure they're going to say, 'Ford's crazy.' But I'm not here to run in any popularity contests. I'm trying to keep the organization on an even keel."

Rogers said, "I'm pleased we're going to get more time, but the point still remains we have to win. I've been realistic about it; I know where we are. We've been laying the groundwork for next year. It's fortunate to have an owner like Ford, who understands."

While Ford made it clear that Rogers will return, that's as far as he would go.

"I'm leaving the door open to all other possible changes except with Darryl," said the owner. "There was a lot of speculation and I know those rumors can be unsettling. I knew I was going to keep Darryl, so I figured, 'Why not tell everyone?'"

Said Rogers, "It's unsettling when every time you turn around, somebody's asking you when you're going. It's unsettling for the players and coaches."

In another development during the first week of December, rookie defensive end Reggie Rogers returned to the Lions following a 28-day program for emotional counseling.

"It feels good to be back," Rogers said. "I feel good because I'm breathing. I'm dealing with life on a day-to-day basis."

Rogers steadfastly denied that his problem involved drugs. "This (counseling) is just something I had to go through to be a better person," he said. "It's all over now."

"I'd like to make this clear: This is the last time I'm going to talk about this. It's pretty personal and I know that as an athlete people want to know how I'm doing."

"But I don't think my private life should be written about every day."

TOM KOWALSKI

## Thanksgiving: Some 'Turkeys' Found the Bird

Every year, rookies around the National Football League wind up as the real "turkeys" on Thanksgiving Day when they try to get free turkeys that don't exist.

The gag has been around for a long time, but this year there was a novel twist in several cities. Many players actually came away with turkeys.

In New Orleans, where 14 players tried to get turkeys from Joe LaBella's meat market last year, the tables were inadvertently turned. LaBella's daughter-in-law, Judy, spoke to Saints equipment manager Dan Simmons and suggested that because the team was playing so well, free turkeys should be given.

Simmons, who coordinates the prank each year, rejected the idea. He thought it would "mess it up for next year," according to Judy. However, she forgot to tell LaBella that the scam was still on.

"All of a sudden, I saw them bending over the box picking out their turkeys," said Judy. "They were all looking at the camera and saying, 'Who's a turkey now? Gobble, Gobble.'"

When word filtered back to Simmons, he didn't believe it at first. "They're just trying to get us," he said. After it was confirmed, Simmons sighed and said, "We're the bird this year."

In Miami, where the joke hadn't been played for a couple of years, several players arrived at Publix supermarkets with letters for the free turkey. It looked so official that at least six players received turkeys.

"The joke's not on me," said rookie fullback Tom Brown. "I've got a 12-pound turkey in my refrigerator."

As it turned out, Publix decided to give any player with the letter a turkey.

"These players were such gentlemen about it," said Pete Newsome, vice-president of the Miami division of Publix. "Every one of them called and offered to pay for the turkey. Now we're going to put the joke on the other turkeys."

In Los Angeles, the joke was on the Rams. Office aide Ray San Jose put up a notice for real free turkeys.

"But nobody signed up," said veteran linebacker Carl Ekern. "They thought it was a joke."

■ In Cleveland, only one player fell for the prank. Assistant coach Kurt Schottenheimer, the brother of head Coach Marty Schottenheimer, said he would have fallen for it, but Marty wouldn't give him the free time.

"I would have gone," Kurt said. "We got turkeys every year at Notre Dame."

Cornerback Stephen Braggs did go on the wild turkey chase to Wooster, O., a small town about 70 miles south of Cleveland. Players were directed to go to the Ohio Agricultural Experimental Station.

Braggs made the drive with his wife. When he arrived, a man in a white lab coat told him he'd been duped.

"My wife cracked up," Braggs said. "He said they have turkeys, but he couldn't give them away because they were used for experimentation, so he gave me six quail. I came back with something. Everyone can laugh now. But I'll get them back."

■ In what Indianapolis Colts trainer Hunter Smith said may have been an all-time team record, eight rookies and three non-players spent varying amounts of time trying to find a fictitious market named Santoni's.

The three non-players were assistant trainer Dave Walls and public relations interns Tim Morgan and Chuck Viltz. Morgan and Viltz actually went armed with autographed pennants and Colts stickers, hoping to get bigger turkeys.

Tight end John Brandes drove around for an hour trying to locate Santoni's.

"I stopped at a couple of gas stations even, and people looked at me like I was crazy," said Brandes, who spent a Thanksgiving Day practice with a paper cut-out turkey pasted to the side of his helmet, between the prongs of the Colts' horseshoe.

■ Two Detroit Lions rookies, nose tackle Jerry Ball and wide receiver Gary Lee, fell for the gag with the help of veterans. Running back Garry James gave Ball a ride to the market.

"As soon as I walked in the door," said Ball, "(James) disap-

peared. The manager told me, 'You aren't getting a turkey, but you are a turkey.'"

Said Ball of James, "I don't know what I'm going to do to him, but it's going to be real scandalous, real low. I thought better of him than that."

Lee wasn't going to have turkey, so wide receiver Carl Bland offered to buy it from him. "He told me that his whole family was coming in and that he'd buy the turkey off me," said Lee. "I told him he didn't have to buy it, I'd just give it to him. I was going by that way and I said I'd pick it up. He was playing with my heart is what he was doing."

When Lee got to the market, he was asked to sign a football allegedly to be used for charity. Actually, it was documentation of who showed up. When told he wasn't getting a turkey, Lee went to his car and tried to figure out what was going on.

"I sat there and the people in the window were laughing at me," he said. "I was madder than hell."

■ With 23 rookies on their roster, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers may have set an NFL record in falling for the joke. Almost every rookie plus trainers Chris Smith and Joe Petrone were duped.

Quarterback Steve DeBerg arranged for a supermarket employee to snap a picture of each player holding his turkey. After the picture, the bird was snatched away. Above the players—and out of sight—was a sign reading "Turkey" with an arrow pointing toward the players.

"It was probably a record," linebacker Scot Brantley said. "The ones that didn't go, it was because they were caught in traffic. And they wanted to get it the next day."

Rookie cornerback Ricky Reynolds said, "It was a good joke. The best thing about it is next year I get to laugh."

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New York—Peter King  
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## PRO FOOTBALL

## GAME DAY NOTEBOOK

## The Attendance Story

In the aftermath of the NFL players' strike this season, attendance is being affected around the league.

St. Louis fans have taken a beating for their supposed non-support of the Cardinals while Owner Bill Bidwill considers a new home, but other teams clearly have problems as well.

The 13 games played December 6 attracted an average of just 51,332 fans and there were seven crowds under 50,000. No-shows averaged 6,408 a game and there were four games with more than 10,000 no-shows.

Dallas had 14,000 unsold tickets for its home game against Atlanta and only 40,103 were in attendance at Texas Stadium. Just six days after rookie Bo Jackson rushed for a club-record 221 yards against Seattle on Monday Night Football, the Los Angeles Raiders drew only 43,143 fans for their game against Buffalo at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

The total tickets distributed for the 13 games were 750,624, a figure that is 85 percent capacity for the stadiums involved.

## The Butler Did It

After the Chicago Bears scored the go-ahead touchdown with 40 seconds remaining in their 30-24 victory over Minnesota December 6, kicker Kevin Butler was told to squib the kickoff.

However, Butler decided on his own to kick the ball deep, figuring he would get it out of the end zone. It went to the goal line, where Darin Nelson received the ball and exploded up the middle for 42 yards. Nelson had just Butler and Willie Gault to beat, and Butler made the diving tackle.

Because it was supposed to be a squib kick, Butler said, "Everyone was looking for the ball and Nelson went by everyone. I had to stop him or I would have been the big goat."

Butler kicked three field goals in the game, extending his streak of successful attempts to 14 in a row.

## The Old College Try

When Detroit Lions quarterback Chuck Long was in college at Iowa and Los Angeles Rams quarterback Jim Everett was at Purdue, Long's team won three of the four meetings between the Big Ten Conference rivals.

Everett admitted a special feeling of pleasure after the Rams beat the Lions and Long, 37-16, December 6.

"I'm happy for the fact that this is something personal," Everett said. "When I was at Purdue, I was in the shoes he was in today. The roles were reversed. I know what he's going through. He was two-up on me. I think we'll have some good battles in the future."

## St. Louis Blues

With 2:33 left in St. Louis' 34-17 loss to Washington, an apparent touchdown pass from Neil Lomax to Stump Mitchell was overturned by replay official Dixon Holman.

Holman ruled that Mitchell had bobbled the ball and never had control before the ball was stripped. The field official believed Mitchell had control. The review

took nearly five minutes and Holman said that was because "we took three different looks and we wanted to make sure."

When told it was ruled he was bobbling the ball, Mitchell said, "The replay official's telling a lie. If it was a bobble, it wouldn't have taken that long."

The lost touchdown didn't overshadow a 101-yard rushing performance by Mitchell, who had been questionable for the game because of nagging injuries.

"That was vintage Stump," Lomax said. "He was inspiring today."

## A Bite of Toast?

Tempers flared when the San Diego Chargers attempted an on-side kick with seven seconds left in the first half of their 33-18 loss to the Houston Oilers. The main combatants were a pair of defensive backs—Kenny Johnson of the Oilers and Elvis (Toast) Patterson of the Chargers, both of whom were penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct and ejected for fighting.

Johnson couldn't believe what the men in stripes told him. They accused him of trying to leave marks on Patterson—with his incisors.

"They said I was trying to bite him," said Johnson, "but I couldn't even open my mouth to breathe, much less to bite him. I've never tried to bite anybody. I told the official to check his hand for bite marks, but he wouldn't do it."

Patterson was flagged with another unsportsmanlike conduct infraction when he threw his helmet after being advised he was through playing for the day.

## Drive, He Said

The Pittsburgh Steelers are alive in the playoff race, but that doesn't mean fans are suddenly happy with quarterback Mark Malone.

Tony Morelli of Wintersville, O., was arrested December 3 after he reportedly drove his station wagon through the gates at Three Rivers Stadium and up several ramps, where he knocked over 50 gallons of nacho cheese dip in the concessions area.

When police arrived, Morelli was on the field kicking imaginary field goals. Bond was set for \$10,000 and Morelli was ordered to undergo psychiatric evaluation.

"He said he was tired of Malone's passing," said Frank Vetere, the arresting officer.

At the Steelers' December 6

game against Seattle, a banner read: "Morelli's Maniacs—Malone, You Drive Us Crazy."

## Comeback Kids

The 1987 season has been one devoid of form, with bizarre occurrences on a weekly basis. It has been marked by three replacement games and a 15-week schedule instead of the customary 16.

It might also be considered the year of the comeback. Through 156 games this season, prior to the December 7 Jets-Miami game and excluding 11 games which were tied entering the fourth quarter, 35 teams which were trailing after three quarters rebounded for victories.

That's a winning percentage of .228, the highest in the last five seasons. Here are the records for the last five seasons reflecting the success rate of teams which trailed going into the fourth quarter:

1987: 35-120-1, .228; 1986: 36-179-1, .169; 1985: 31-182-0, .146; 1984: 41-169-1, .197; 1983: 37-172-0, .177.

## Milestones

Colts running back Eric Dickerson now has 7,930 career yards and with 70 more will become the first player in history to rush for 8,000 yards in his first five seasons. . . . With 1,030 points, Raiders kicker Chris Bahr moved into 13th place, one point behind Bruce Gossett, on the all-time scoring list.

Three San Diego players climbed higher on career lists during the Chargers' 33-18 loss to Houston. Wide receiver Wes Chandler now has 546 receptions and passed 12th-place Lance Alworth, a former Charger. Tight end Kellen Winslow has 523 catches and passed 14th-place Bobby Mitchell. Quarterback Dan Fouts threw his 253rd touchdown pass and is two behind third-place Sonny Jurgensen.

## The Quotebook

After Pittsburgh defeated Seattle, 13-9, Steelers center Mike Webster reacted to stories before the game discussing the Seahawks' loss to the Raiders the previous Monday night. "You read all week about how angry that team was," said Webster. "They were talking about Seattle and how they got hammered on Monday night and they were coming in to get their pride and respect back. Well, we were in the same situation. We were an angry team and it showed up today."



Eric Dickerson is close to becoming the first player in NFL history to rush for 8,000 yards in his first five seasons.

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BALTIMORE—The problems plaguing the oil and gas industry have hurt the economy in Louisiana, but there's one consolation for the state's pro football fans.

Those problems forced oil man John Mecom to sell the New Orleans Saints in the spring of 1985. That event has to rank with Mardi Gras with Saints fans. It was an excuse for a celebration.

Mecom managed to post a perfect record in his 18 years as the team's owner. He never had a winning season.

The shame is the fans deserved better. They have been among the most loyal in the NFL. They started the bag-on-head fad during the Saints' 1-15 season in 1980, but they kept coming to the games.

But after 18 years of Mecom's regime, businessmen weren't exactly lining up in New Orleans to buy the club when Mecom wanted to sell. There were even fears that it would be sold to an out-of-town group and moved.

That's when Tom Benson, a New Orleans auto dealership owner, put together a group and bought the team. Benson has become known as something of a character around the country for doing the "Benson Boogie" to celebrate Saints victories. It shouldn't be overlooked, though, that Benson took the first step toward turning the franchise around—he hired a good football man to run it.

He brought in Jim Finks, who had a proven track record, as his general manager. Finks had hired Bud Grant to coach in Minnesota and he had started the rebuilding of the Bears franchise during his tenure in Chicago.

Finks is the first to admit that the Saints had a better nucleus left over from Bum Phillips' regime as coach than the Bears did when he started removing the cobwebs from that organization in 1974.

But Finks quickly made his imprint on the organization. He brought in Jim Mora, who had coached the Philadelphia-Baltimore Stars to two straight United States Football League titles. Mora brought along Bill Kuharich, a personnel whiz with the Stars who now runs the Saints' scouting department.

In just two seasons, the Finks-Mora-Kuharich team accomplished what Mecom couldn't do in 18: They gave New Orleans a winning season.

They laid the groundwork in the 1986 draft. The Saints got three quality running backs—Rueben Mayes, Dalton Hilliard and Barry Word—offensive lineman Jim Dombrowski and linebacker Pat Swilling in the first three rounds.

It didn't hurt that when the USFL suspended play in 1986, Mora picked up two defensive starters, linebacker Sam Mills and safety Antonio Gibson, from his old Stars team.

It hasn't taken long for the results to show on the field. New Orleans' 20-16 victory over Pittsburgh on November 30 gave the Saints an 8-3 record and guaranteed them their first winning season. A 44-34 triumph over Tampa Bay the following week put them in the playoffs for the first time.

"People can no longer say, talk or write about our being the only club in the NFL never to have a winning season. The monkey is off our back, but this is really just the beginning," Mora said after the victory over Pittsburgh.

Those words came just five weeks after a Mora postgame temper tantrum that may have been a catalyst for the season.

Frustrated by a 24-22 loss to San Francisco October 25 in the first post-strike game, he railed, "We're not good enough yet. We've got a long ways to go. We've got a lot of work to do. We're close, and close don't mean ----. And you can put that on TV for me. . . . The good teams don't come and say 'could have.' They get it done. I'm tired of saying could have, should have, would have. That's why we ain't good enough yet, because we're saying could have."

The usually mild-mannered Mora had calmed down by the next day. "What did I say? I forgot what I said," he said with a smile. When he was told, he smiled again and said, "I did not say that. That's wrong. When I used that word, I thought I said 'spit'."

It may be a coincidence, but New Orleans has ripped off six straight victories since his tirade.

Mora's success wasn't a surprise to followers of the USFL (all eight or nine of them).

In the spring of 1985, Mora faced a series of circumstances that would have tested the patience of any coach. The Stars were headquartered in Philadelphia (they were evicted from Veterans Stadium halfway through the season), called Baltimore their "home," and played their "home" games on the campus of the University of Maryland. It wasn't surprising that the defending champions started out 5-6-1. But Mora never let the season get away from him despite the obstacles. The Stars won five of their last six regular-season games to finish 10-7-1 and swept the three-game playoffs while winning the last USFL title game.

After all that, turning the Saints around was no Mora of a strain than a night on Bourbon Street.



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## Top Draftee Contracts, 1984-7

a-Traded to Indianapolis; b-Signed five-year, \$7.4 million contract with L.A. Raiders; c-Signed four-year, \$1.619 million contract with Green Bay; d-Signed four-year, \$1.58 million contract with Indianapolis; e-Signed three-year, \$1.075 million contract (plus option) with Minnesota.

1987				1986			
Player, Pos.	Yrs.	Value	Per Season	Player, Pos.	Yrs.	Value	Per Season
1. Vinny Testaverde, QB.....	6	\$8.2 million	\$1,366,000	1. b-Bo Jackson, RB.....		did not sign	
Tampa Bay				Tampa Bay			
2. a-Cornelius Bennett, LB.....	5	4.0 million	800,000	2. Tony Casillas, DT.....	4	\$2.35 million	\$587,500
Buffalo				Atlanta			
3. Alonzo Highsmith, RB.....	4	2.6 million	650,000	3. Jim Everett, QB.....	4	2.55 million	637,500
Houston				L.A. Rams			
4. Brent Fullwood, RB.....	3	1.5 million	500,000	4. Jon Hand, DE.....	4	1.745 million	436,250
Green Bay				Indianapolis			
5. Mike Junkin, LB.....	4	1.845 million	461,250	5. Anthony Bell, LB.....	4	1.58 million	395,057
Cleveland				St. Louis			
6. Kelly Stouffer, QB.....		----- Unsigned -----		6. Jim Dombrowski, T.....	4	1.575 million	393,750
St. Louis				New Orleans			
7. Reggie Rogers, DE.....	4	1.775 million	443,750	7. Brian Jozwiak, T.....	4	1.475 million	368,750
Detroit				Kansas City			
8. Shane Conlan, LB.....	4	1.740 million	435,000	8. Leslie O'Neal, DE.....	4	1.61 million	402,500
Buffalo				San Diego			
9. Jerome Brown, DT.....	4	1.811 million	452,750	9. John Rienstra, G.....	4	1.475 million	393,750
Philadelphia				Pittsburgh			
10. Rod Woodson, DB.....	4	2.0 million	500,000	10. Keith Byars, RB.....	4	1.775 million	443,750
Pittsburgh				Philadelphia			
11. Shawn Knight, DT.....	4	1.675 million	418,750	11. Joe Kelly, LB.....	4	1.615 million	403,750
New Orleans				Cincinnati			
12. Danny Noonan, DT.....	4	1.625 million	406,250	12. Chuck Long, QB.....	4	1.65 million	412,500
Dallas				Detroit			
13. Chris Miller, QB.....	5	2.8 million	560,000	13. James FitzPatrick, T.....	5	1.875 million	375,000
Atlanta				San Diego			
14. D.J. Dozier, RB.....	3	\$810,000	270,000	14. Gerald Robinson, DE.....	2	\$575,000	287,500
Minnesota				Minnesota			
15. John Clay, T.....	4	1.5 million	375,000	15. John L. Williams, RB.....	4	1.5575 million	398,375
L.A. Raiders				Seattle			
16. John Bosa, DE.....	4	1.55 million	387,500	16. Ronnie Harmon, RB.....	4	1.425 million	356,250
Miami				Buffalo			
17. Jason Buck, DE.....	4	1.49 million	372,500	17. Tim Green, LB.....	4	1.375 million	343,750
Cincinnati				Atlanta			
18. Tony Woods, LB.....	3	1.05 million	350,000	18. Mike Sherrard, WR.....	4	1.39 million	347,500
Seattle				Dallas			
19. Paul Palmer, RB.....	4	1.35 million	337,500	19. Eric Dorsey, DE.....	4	1.375 million	343,750
Kansas City				N.Y. Giants			
20. Haywood Jeffries, WR.....	4	1.362 million	340,500	20. Will Wolford, T.....	4	1.4 million	350,000
Houston				Buffalo			
21. Roger Vick, RB.....	4	1.36 million	340,000	21. Tim McGee, WR.....	4	1.3 million	325,000
N.Y. Jets				Cincinnati			
22. Harris Barton, T.....	4	1.105 million	368,333	22. Mike Haight, T.....	4	1 million	250,000
San Francisco				N.Y. Jets			
23. Bruce Armstrong, T.....	4	1.26 million	420,000	23. Mike Schad, T.....	4	1.05 million	262,500
New England				L.A. Rams			
24. Rod Bernstine, TE.....	4	1.43 million	357,500	24. Bob Buczkowski, DE.....	4	1.2 million	300,000
San Diego				L.A. Raiders			
25. Terrence Flagler, RB.....	4	1.285 million	321,250	25. Roderick Jones, DB.....	4	1.145 million	286,250
San Francisco				Tampa Bay			
26. Jim Harbaugh, QB.....	4	1.495 million	373,750	26. Reggie Dupard, RB.....	4	1.3 million	325,000
Chicago				New England			
27. Ricky Nattiel, WR.....	4	1.29 million	322,500	27. Neal Anderson, RB.....	4	1.3 million	325,000
Denver				Chicago			
28. Mark Ingram, WR.....	4	1.245 million	311,250				
N.Y. Giants							
1985				1984			
Player, Pos.	Yrs.	Value	Per Season	Player, Pos.	Yrs.	Value	Per Season
1. Bruce Smith, DE.....	4	\$2.8 million	\$700,000	1. Irving Fryar, WR.....	4	\$2.65 million	\$662,500
Buffalo				New England			
2. Bill Fralic, T.....	4	2.431 million	607,750	2. Dean Steinkuhler, T.....	4	2.797 million	699,375
Atlanta				Houston			
3. Ray Childress, DE.....	4	1.925 million	481,250	3. Carl Banks, LB.....	4	2.6 million	650,000
Houston				N.Y. Giants			
4. Chris Doleman, LB.....	3	\$925,000	308,333	4. Kenny Jackson, WR.....	4	2.325 million	581,250
Minnesota				Philadelphia			
5. Duane Buckett, LB.....	4	1.715 million	428,750	5. Bill Mass, DT.....	4	2.3 million	575,000
Indianapolis				Kansas City			
6. Lomas Brown, T.....	4	1.65 million	412,500	6. c-Mossy Cade, DB.....		----- Signed with USFL -----	
Detroit				San Diego			
7. Ken Ruettgers, T.....	4	1.642 million	410,500	7. Ricky Hunley, LB.....	4	2.725 million	681,250
Green Bay				Denver			
8. Ron Holmes, DE.....	4	1.84 million	460,000	8. d-Leonard Coleman, DB.....		----- Signed with USFL -----	
Tampa Bay				Indianapolis			
9. Kevin Allen, T.....	4	1.475 million	368,750	9. Rick Bryan, DT.....	4	2.538 million	634,500
Philadelphia				Atlanta			
10. Al Toon, WR.....	4	1.625 million	406,250	10. Russell Carter, DB.....	4	2 million	500,000
N.Y. Jets				N.Y. Jets			
11. Richard Johnson, DB.....	4	1.675 million	418,750	11. Wilber Marshall, LB.....	4	2.818 million	704,500
Houston				Chicago			
12. Jim Lachey, G.....	5	1.9 million	475,000	12. Alphonso Carreker, DE.....	4	2.1 million	525,000
San Diego				Green Bay			
13. Eddie Brown, WR.....	4	1.55 million	387,500	13. e-Keith Millard, DE.....		----- Signed with USFL -----	
Cincinnati				Minnesota			
14. Derrick Burroughs, DB.....	4	1.7 million	425,000	14. Jackie Shipp, LB.....	4	2.255 million	563,750
Buffalo				Miami			
15. Ethan Horton, RB.....	4	1.55 million	387,500	15. Ron Fautot, DE.....	4	1.775 million	443,750
Kansas City				N.Y. Jets			
16. Jerry Rice, WR.....	5	1.825 million	365,000	16. Pete Koch, DE.....	4	1.3 million	325,000
San Francisco				Cincinnati			
17. Kevin Brooks, DE.....	5	1.785 million	446,250	17. Clyde Duncan, WR.....	5	1.555 million	388,750
Dallas				St. Louis			
18. Freddie Joe Nunn.....	5	1.805 million	451,250	18. Don Rogers, DB.....	5	2.267 million	453,500
St. Louis				Cleveland			
19. George Adams, RB.....	4	1.475 million	368,750	19. Ron Solt, G.....	4	1.875 million	468,750
N.Y. Giants				Indianapolis			
20. Darryl Sims, DE.....	4	1.385 million	346,250	20. David Lewis, TE.....	4	1.739 million	434,750
Pittsburgh				Detroit			
21. Jerry Gray, DB.....	4	1.55 million	387,500	21. John Alt, T.....	4	1.768 million	442,000
L.A. Rams				Kansas City			
22. William Perry, DT.....	4	1.246 million	311,500	22. Terry Taylor, DB.....	4	2.05 million	512,500
Chicago				Seattle			
23. Jessie Hester, WR.....	5	1.81 million	362,000	23. Louis Lipps, WR.....	4	1.775 million	443,750
L.A. Raiders				Pittsburgh			
24. Alvin Toles, LB.....	2	\$715,000	375,500	24. Todd Shell, LB.....	4	1.957 million	489,250
New Orleans				San Francisco			
25. Emanuel King, LB.....	4	1.175 million	293,750	25. Billy Cannon Jr., LB.....	6	1.814 million	302,263
Cincinnati				Dallas			
26. Steve Sewell, RB.....	4	1.35 million	337,500	26. Greg Bell, RB.....	4	1.7 million	425,000
Denver				Buffalo			
27. Lorenzo Hampton, RB.....	4	1.35 million	337,500	27. William Roberts, T.....	4	1.75 million	437,500
Miami				N.Y. Giants			
28. Trevor Matich, C.....	5	1.65 million	330,000	28. Brian Blados, T.....	5	1.625 million	325,000
New England				Cincinnati			



## PRO FOOTBALL

# Top Picks Getting Top Dollar

## But 3rd-12th Round Draft Selections Are Settling for Slightly Less

By PETER KING

NEW YORK—Since the United States Football League gold rush dried up in 1985, National Football League rookies and their agents have been bemoaning the fact that the players were born a year or two too late to cash in on the huge contracts brought about by the war between the leagues.

Not any more.

Due in large part to quarterback Vinny Testaverde's \$8.2 million contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, NFL teams committed 19.9 percent more money on first-round draft picks in 1987 than they did in 1986.

In fact, an analysis of spending in the first round found that top draft picks were paid more this year than in any year since 1984, when the USFL was bidding up contracts of the best college players. But this doesn't mean that rookie contracts throughout the draft were up.

First- and second-round spending was up over 1986, the NFL Management Council said, but player salaries in rounds three through 12 were slightly down. And signing bonuses, which peaked during the USFL bidding war, were down throughout the '87 draft about 1.6 percent over last year.

NFL officials are disappointed, though, that they didn't hold the line better in top rookie signings. Gross first-round contract dollars—which includes signing bonuses and annual salaries—fell from \$52.1 million in 1984 to \$45.5 million in 1985 and to \$40.4 million in 1986. But that figure rose to \$48.5 million in 1987.

NFL teams had hoped that, without the competition from the USFL, they would be able to continue to hold down salaries. This worked in '85, when gross spending was down 12.6 percent in the first round, and in '86, when the figure took an 11.2 percent drop.

But in 1987, teams saw better organization from agents and more willpower to miss training camp from players. Agents, as they had done in recent years, appointed captains for each round to insure that inexperienced agents wouldn't encourage their clients to sign subpar contracts.

Also this year, agents had team captains—representatives who rode herd on each team's agents—as another form of insurance against low contracts. In many cases, as agents stiffened, teams tired of holdout players who arrived too late to make a first-year impact.

New Orleans Saints General Manager Jim Finks is one who yielded to the pressure of the round in hopes of getting good play from his first-round pick.

"I was determined to get our first pick this year, Shawn Knight, signed for less than we signed (top pick) Jim Dombrowski last year," said Finks. "But I failed. I'm the one to blame."

Finks signed Dombrowski, a tackle who was the sixth pick overall in last year's draft, to a four-year, \$1.575 million contract. But this year, Knight, a defensive tackle who was the 11th pick overall, benefited from high dollars paid to the two defensive linemen picked before him—No. 7 Reggie Rogers (four years, \$1.775 million) and No. 9 Jerome Brown (four years, \$1.811 million).

"I was hemmed in," said Finks. And he paid. Knight will earn \$1.675 million over four years.

"The agents and players are stronger than us right now," Finks said. "But not for long."

The recent trend called slotting—in which players are paid strictly by the order they're picked in a round—emerged clearly in the 1987 draft, again because of the organization of agents. The average payout (including signing bonuses) in the middle of the first round shows this.

John Bosa, picked 16th by Miami, will earn an average of \$387,500; No. 17 Jason Buck will average \$372,500 in Cincinnati; No. 18 Tony Woods \$350,000 in Seattle; No. 19 Paul Palmer \$337,500 in Kansas City; No. 20 Haywood Jeffires \$340,500 in Houston, and No. 21 Roger Vick \$340,000 with the New York Jets. Woods signed a three-year contract while the others signed for four years.

Part of the escalation in payments to top rookies comes from the perception that teams have to pay the glamour players more today than ever. What forced Tampa Bay Owner Hugh Culverhouse to shell out \$8.2 million over six years for Vinny Testaverde? Testaverde's annual average, \$1,366,667, is more than the salary of the NFL's highest-paid player, Cincinnati quarterback Boomer Esiason.

And what forced Seattle to pay Brian Bosworth \$11 million over 10 years? In current dollars, the contract cost the Seahawks about \$8.2 million. Still, the \$11 million deal made Bosworth the highest-paid defensive rookie in NFL history, and only Lawrence Taylor, the New York Giants' perennial Pro Bowl linebacker, has a higher per-year deal, on the average.

General managers across the league were upset at the Testaverde and Bosworth contracts, because the deals will only escalate the future price of premier college players. What will Tim Brown command next year? Or, in a few years, Emmitt Smith?

Tampa Bay's logic was that the Testaverde deal had to get done, and it had to get done

quickly. A year earlier, the Bucs had picked Bo Jackson No. 1 overall in the draft and failed to sign him, despite an offer of about \$4 million over five years.

(Jackson signed a baseball contract with the Kansas City Royals. He was then picked in the seventh round of the '87 draft by the Los Angeles Raiders, with whom he signed a five-year, \$7.4 million deal that is contingent on him reporting to the Raiders for five seasons and passing a physical each year).

So Culverhouse came out determined to sign Testaverde at any cost. The only quarterback with a richer current deal is Denver's John Elway.

Seattle's selection of Bosworth may not have been a dream commercially for the flashy linebacker and his New York agent, Gary Wichard. But Seattle is traditionally one of the league's most generous teams.

In 1984, the highest-paid player in the second half of the first round was Terry Taylor, a cornerback from Southern Illinois University—not exactly a major college power. But Taylor, who was the 22nd pick, signed a four-year contract for \$2.05 million. Defensive back Russell Carter, who was picked 10th overall by the New York Jets that year, was paid less—\$2 million over four years.

So the Seahawks, ripe to make a deal because they needed an inside linebacker, were perhaps the ideal team to have lucked out in the supplemental draft and won the right to select Bosworth.

Still, the signing bonanza this year left one player out in the cold. Quarterback Kelly Stouffer, the sixth pick in the first round, was offered \$1.8 million for four years by the St. Louis Cardinals in early August. He wanted \$2.2 million then rejected a \$2.8 million, five-year offer. So after Alonzo Highsmith sued the Houston Oilers and the NFL and forced an out-of-court signing settlement, Stouffer went the same route in November. Arguments have yet to be heard in the case.

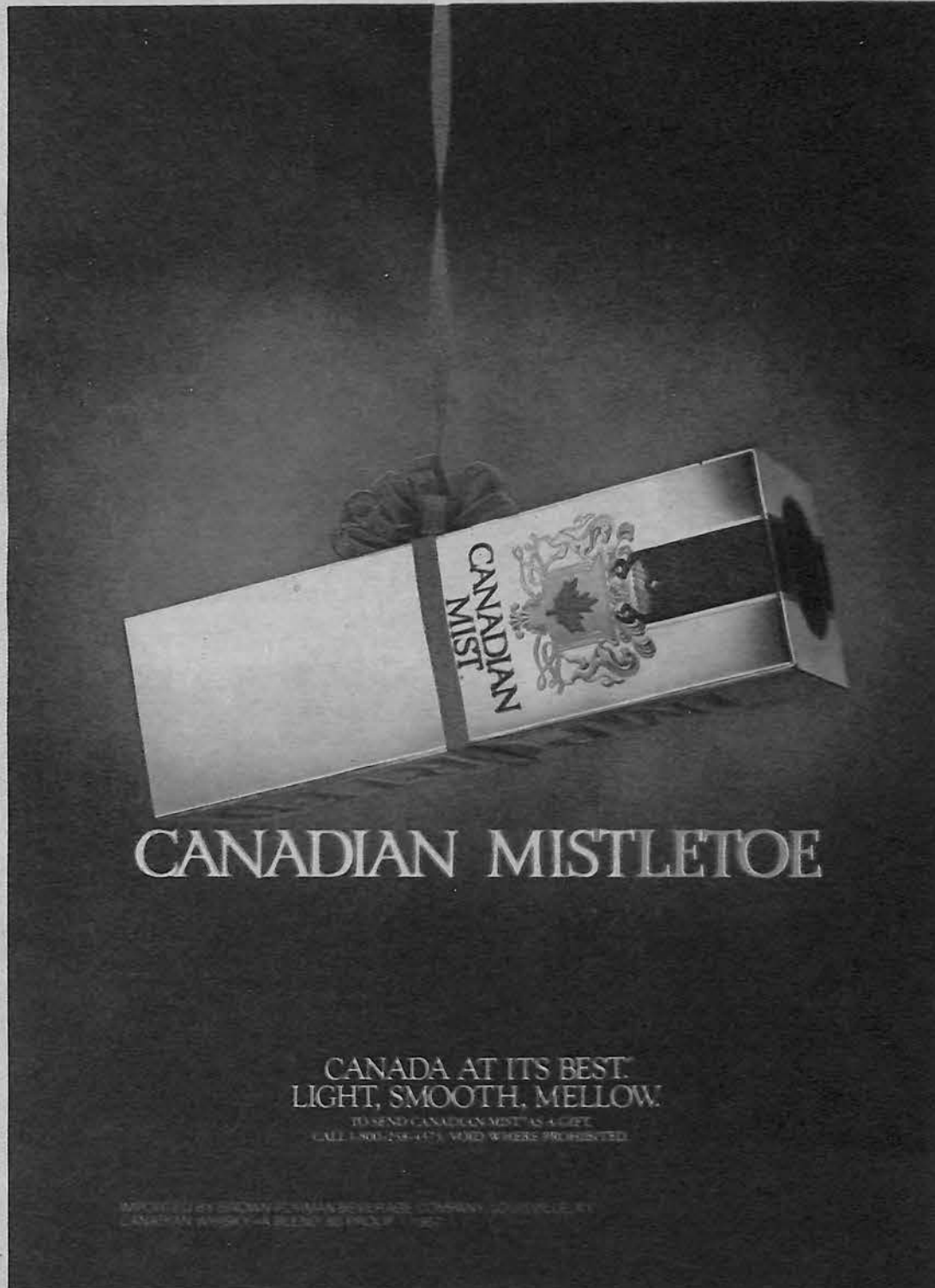
The 28 NFL teams probably will enter the 1988 draft determined still to cut costs to top rookies. The sentiment around the league is the same as it has been since the USFL began forcing prices higher in the early '80s.

"For what they contribute, first-round draft picks are grossly overpaid," said Mike Brown, Cincinnati's assistant general manager.

A look up and down this year's first round proves that. By late November, only seven No. 1 picks were full-time starters. No. 5 Mike Junkin, No. 7 Rogers, No. 11 Knight, No. 17 Buck, No. 25 Terrence Flagler and No. 28 Mark Ingram were disappointments as first-year players. The Giants drafted receivers in the third and fourth rounds—Stephen Baker and Odessa Turner, respectively—and each had made more of a contribution after 11 games than Ingram, a wide receiver from Michigan State.

The figures in the preceding salary chart (see page 16) include only players drafted in the first round and signed in that year. So the 1985 figures do not include Cleveland Browns quarter Bernie Kosar's five-year, \$5 million deal and the '87 numbers don't reflect Bosworth's \$11 million contract over 10 years. Both were picked in supplemental drafts.

The salary figures for the four years (1984-87) were obtained from player agents with access to NFL Players Association salary information.





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## AROUND THE AFC

## Fryar Set to Leave Fishbowl

FOXBORO—Nothing is definite, but all signs indicate that this will be wide receiver Irving Fryar's last year with the New England Patriots.

The Patriots won't give him away, as they did tight end Greg Baty. They will, however, make every effort to work a trade that will send Fryar someplace else at the conclusion of this season.

Patriots Coach Raymond Berry and Fryar's agent, Steve Endicott, both have indicated that a trade is in the works. Fryar said his "feelings wouldn't be hurt" if the Pats decided to trade him.

"It is something we might do," Berry said about a trade involving Fryar. "You can only exercise so much patience. Nobody in this business is indispensable and trades are a part of this business."

"I'm sure Irving understands the principle and I'm sure he understands that I have to do what's best for the team. I can't comment any further."

Berry didn't have to. He had

made his point—in much more direct terms than usual.

Since coming to the Patriots as the first player selected in the 1984 NFL draft, Fryar has had some big days, primarily as a punt returner. But he's made as many, if not more, headlines with his off-the-field activities.

Berry said he doesn't mind individuality. But once individuality affects a player's performance, it becomes a distraction or a disruption. That is the single cardinal sin in Berry's mind.

That's why Baty, the team's best tight end, was waived. That's why Fryar most likely will be gone. He has never lived up to his potential, and Berry may not be in the mood to wait any longer.

"Speaking for myself, Irving just needs a fresh start someplace else," said Endicott, who was the Patriots' receivers coach for 2½ years under Ron Meyer. When Meyer was fired in October 1984, Endicott quit. He and Meyer then began a sports agent busi-

ness with Sherwood Blount in Dallas. Fryar, whose contract expires after this season, signed with them and recently bought a house in the Dallas area.

"All you have to do is read the papers up there the last two years and you'll see why he needs a change," Endicott said. "He's put himself in some bad positions because he is somewhat volatile. But he's a good kid and a lot of things were blown out of proportion because he was involved."

"Look at that ridiculous trash about him being involved in gambling. There was absolutely no truth in that, and if it had involved anybody else, the thing would have been dropped without any big deal. The allegations involved Irving, though, so there were all the headlines."

"New England has been a real fishbowl for him."

Berry agreed that Fryar is not a hardcase problem child.

"The guy hasn't hurt anybody," Berry said. "Trouble kind of grav-



Irving Fryar

itates toward him. Obviously, things would be easier for Irving if he took a more normal road. It's been tough on him here. It's also true that he makes things tough on himself."

KEVIN MANNIX

## Tough Guy on the Corner

HOUSTON—If hitting on the football field was illegal, Houston Oilers cornerback Steve Brown would be arrested for assault. Perhaps no NFL cornerback is more physical than Brown, who plays the run like a linebacker.

"With the style of defense we play, we're wide open and aggressive," Brown said. "That fits my character. Physical is something that's between the ears. If I have a chance to hit somebody, I'll hit them. I try to be as aggressive and dominating as I can be. I'll play as reckless as I can."

In his fifth year as a starter, Brown is having a dream season for the Oilers, who are in the playoff race for the first time in seven years. At 27, Brown qualifies as a senior citizen on one of the league's youngest defenses.

"Cornerbacks are thought of as finesse players, players who are just supposed to cover the receivers," he said. "I don't want to be a one-dimensional cornerback. I'm trying to be a force, not only against the run but against the pass."

"If I'm going to be the best, I have to be able to do everything equally well. I know when to use finesse and when to be hard on somebody. I've become more consistent. I guess it's maturity."

"It's a matter of me looking at the way I played last year and trying to improve. I'm trying to teach myself to be the best, to watch what I've done in the past and try to improve on it. One thing I needed to improve on was to not make the silly mistakes."

"I take pride in every aspect of my game. I don't like to be put in a situation because I can't do something. I like to be put in a situation because I can do something."

"I'm fully aware of what I'm



Steve Brown

doing. I have intense concentration. I have a will to win, a burning desire to win. At the end of the game, I know I've given my best."

Brown has a passion for self-criticism, which he believes has made him a better player.

"In my heart, I'm very critical of myself," he said. "I have the confidence in myself that I can see what I've done right and wrong. That's what has kept me going for the last five years."

"This season, we've been winning and we've been a very physical team. I like playing teams that are physical because I don't think anyone can be more physical than us. When teams are physical with you, it gives you a lot of opportunities to make big plays, and I like to make big plays."

JOHN McCLAIN



Lance Mehl... Something to shoot for.

## Lance Is Off the Leash

NEW YORK—Lance Mehl was beginning to wonder if it was him. The New York Jets linebacker underwent reconstructive knee surgery last October, about two months before nose tackle Joe Klecko and offensive tackle Reggie McElroy had knee operations.

McElroy and Klecko returned to the active roster and tested their knees in games while Mehl remained on the physically unable to perform list. He was getting antsy as he continued his rehabilitation.

"The PUP list has shrunk to one, and I'm the only puppy left," Mehl said after Klecko made a remarkable return in a game against Kansas City on November 15.

A week later, Mehl traded in his leash for a limited role on the field against Buffalo. Mehl made only two tackles, but his right knee held up after a 13-month lay-off.

"It doesn't feel bad at all," Mehl said. "But it's hard to be satisfied. At some times, I moved good. But I thought I would react a little quicker. I'm sure it'll come. I did see things quick, but I didn't get there quick."

Mehl wore smooth-soled tennis shoes on Giants Stadium's artificial turf instead of the rubber-cleated turf shoes that grabbed

his plant leg when he suffered a non-contact knee injury in a game against New Orleans last year. Mehl has sworn off rubber cleats for good. In 1984, he wore the turf shoes in a game against Kansas City in which he tore up an ankle. He did not wear the cleats again until the New Orleans game last season.

"I got a little better traction than I needed," Mehl said sarcastically. "I'm afraid to wear them again. I might get killed."

Mehl was still feeling his way against the Bills. Defensive coordinator Bud Carson inserted him mostly in running situations so that he wouldn't be exploited in coverage.

"The running game is the first part," Mehl said. "The passing (coverage) will come later. I don't want to be covering anybody one-on-one at the moment."

Klecko and McElroy may have returned more quickly than Mehl because the demands of playing on the line are not as great on the knee as the cutting and turning that linebackers must do.

"There's definitely a difference between the positions," Mehl said. "I have to drop back and cover people in pass protection. It just gives me something to shoot for."

PETER FINNEY JR.

## Things Worse For Betters

MIAMI—The present is such a struggle, a week-to-week battle to stay alive, that the temptation is to look into the rearview mirror at the glory of the past.

You can say that about the Miami Dolphins. And you can say it about Doug Betters, who's gone from star to standby.

"I don't really have anything to gripe about," he said. "I still have a job. A lot of the guys I played with aren't here anymore."

Still, a backup role isn't what most defensive end standouts see as their future. Going from first class to tourist is a difficult move.

"Ego-wise, it's pretty damaging," said the 6-7, 265-pound Betters. "It's not an easy thing. But it's something I have to live with, and I have."

"I wish I were playing more, contributing more. But it's not my decision. All I can do is keep working and preparing myself. It wouldn't do any good to beat my head against a wall."

Betters, 31, has seen better days. In 1983, he was named NFL Defensive Player of the Year by the Associated Press. For seven years, he was the mainstay at right defensive end.

Now, the mountain man is no longer king of the hill. Betters is a backup with a questionable future. His \$423,000 contract runs out after this year, which means that Betters could be in the last stretch of his career with the Dolphins.

"I've thought about the future," he said. "I haven't made any decisions. I don't know. Maybe they'll try to do to me what they did to (Bob) Baumhower (who was offered a substantial cut in salary before he decided to retire). I'll worry about that after the season."

The last time Betters was without a contract, after the 1985 season, it was a long, bitter negotiation. He never regained his former status. He had started 46 straight games before then; he's started only one game since.

By the time Betters got into training camp last year, he was behind and rookie T.J. Turner was playing in his old spot. John Bosa, the Dolphins' No. 1 draft pick last April, is starting at the other defensive end.

"I feel I can still play," said Betters, "and I think the times I've been in there, I've shown that I can play."

"It's pretty much the same situation as last year. They (the coaches) know I can back up and be there if someone is hurt. But it's pretty obvious they want to go with youth."

In the meantime, Betters spends a lot of time talking to Turner and Bosa.

"Both of them have the makings to be great players," Betters said. "They've got a lot of work to do, but they'll get there. I've tried to lend them some experience. I watch them play, and we talk."

Betters smiled. It was a sad sort of smile.

"You do whatever you can to help," he said.

GARY SHELTON



## PRO FOOTBALL

## 'Next Kick' Concerns Jaeger

CLEVELAND—The Cleveland Browns gave up a bundle to draft Jeff Jaeger, a golden-footed kicker from the University of Washington, but it's turned out to be a valuable trade.

After 11 games, Jaeger led the AFC in scoring with 74 points.

"It's a good feeling, but I owe it all to the offense," Jaeger said. "I have more extra points (32) than anybody in the league. Any kicker can do that. It's just a matter of getting those touchdowns, and that's what I'm getting."

Finding a kicker became a pressing need for the Browns on November 23, 1986. That's when Matt Bahr put his career in jeopardy by diving in front of Pittsburgh kick returner Lupe Sanchez.

Bahr was carried off the field with two torn ligaments in his right knee. His progress was reported ahead of schedule through March, but then team physician Dr. John Bergfeld told Coach

Marty Schottenheimer that Bahr wouldn't be ready to start the 1987 season. That forced the Browns to alter their draft plans last April.

After taking Penn State fullback Tim Manoa from Penn State with their own third-round selection, the Browns announced half an hour later that they had dealt their fourth-, fifth- and 12th-round picks to the Los Angeles Rams for the Rams' third-round pick. They jumped at the chance to get Jaeger, who had kicked an NCAA-record 80 field goals.

"There are adjustments kicking in the NFL," Jaeger said. "The uprights are 5½ feet wider in college. Kicking without a tee is different because you have to lift the ball cleanly each time. The ball is smaller, too. That makes it more difficult to hit."

One would think a kicker with such impressive statistics would feel a certain security, but Jaeger doesn't rest easy. One reason the

Browns selected him was his reputation for driving the ball through the end zone on kickoffs. That hasn't happened in the NFL.

During training camp, free agent Mike Cofer kicked the ball deeper and Jaeger feared he would be gone before the preseason ended.

Although Bahr is now healthy enough to compete, the Browns have no plans to move him off the physically unable to perform list.

"I know that if I have a couple of bad games in a row I'll be fighting for my job," Jaeger said. "I can't think about any of that, though. All I try to think about is my next kick."

Jaeger should have nothing to worry about. If he keeps kicking like he has, he might become known as "The Little Toe." At 189 pounds, he's about 50 pounds lighter than Lou (The Toe) Groza, the Browns all-time leading scorer with 1,349 points.

JEFF SCHUDEL

## Trade of Boomer Is 'Not in Cards'

CINCINNATI—Stung by the negative reaction of fans in the aftermath of his unpopular stand during the NFL strike, Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Boomer Esiason has asked to be traded.

Assistant General Manager Mike Brown said Esiason spoke to him about it "on more than one occasion" and his agent, David Falk, has called to request a trade. The Bengals have no intention of complying.

"I explained to both of them it's not in the cards," Brown said.

Esiason has had a strange, star-crossed season. In the first six games after the strike, he completed 55 percent of his passes for an average of 290 yards a game. But he threw 12 interceptions and only seven touchdown passes.

Those stats were a little misleading, however. He had two touchdown passes called back because of penalties away from the play and another one nullified when the referee ruled he was in the grasp of a tackler before he

released the pass. Two of his interceptions came on "Hail Mary" passes at the end of defeats and three others were off deflections.

"Right now is probably the lowest point of my football career," said Esiason.

The 26-year-old lefthander stressed he had no problem with the coaches or the Bengals' management. "I'm not talking about management," he said, "just the public."

The Bengals' player representative and chief spokesman during the strike, Esiason irritated some fans with his strong union stand. On the first day of picketing, he sat in front of an empty bus that was trying to enter the club's practice facility to transport replacement players to their hotel. After a few minutes, he let it in.

Since the strike, Esiason had been diplomatic about virtually every topic, apparently in an attempt to soothe the fans. His blast the day before Thanksgiving signaled an end to that tenor.

"I'm done trying to smooth things over," he said. Although he wouldn't reveal specifics, Esiason hinted that his family also had taken some abuse in the stands.

Brown, who signed Esiason to a new five-year, \$1.2 million-per-year contract in September, said the quarterback wasn't going to be traded.

"He knows we're counting on him," Brown said. "There will be better times. He'll look back on this as a learning experience."

"He's hurt right now and we know it. But we're not in position that we can make him well by sending him out of here on the next bus."

"What he's going through is something he has never experienced before, and it's hard on him. Ken Anderson went through it, and the same thing happened in Pittsburgh to Terry Bradshaw. It happens to a lot of fine quarterbacks. When the team doesn't go well, the quarterback gets most of the heat."

MIKE DODD

## Gains Paining Warner

SEATTLE—At Penn State, Curt Warner trained under a conditioning coach, Dan Riley, who preached "no pain, no gain" as his workout motto.

Much to his regret, Warner has carried that philosophy to new extremes this season. Every gain has been painful for the Seattle Seahawks running back.

Before the players' strike, he banged up his ribs and shoulders. After the strike, he played despite a turf toe injury on his right foot that prevented him from practicing.

"I've had a few more nicks this year," said Warner, understating the pain he's endured. "I'm not complaining because I've had worse."

Despite these handicaps, Warner, who rebounded from reconstructive knee surgery in 1983, was the AFC's third leading rusher after 11 games. He had carried 158 times for 680 yards and was within range of the 1,000-yard plateau for the fourth time in five NFL seasons.

But each gain through the years has had its pain. Two years ago, he rushed for 1,094 yards despite an ankle spur that was so painful he contemplated early retirement after the season.

His two best performances this season—123 yards against Green Bay and 119 against San Diego—were agonizing. Days before those games, Warner could barely walk on his turf toe. Once, he even needed a crutch to get around.

"When the adrenaline goes, and you know you have to be out on the field, you take a lot more as far as pain tolerance than normal," Warner said. "An everyday type thing, I'm not geared up for. You pinch me, I'll get mad."

Warner's game-day personality befuddles his coaches and teammates. The more hits he takes, the better he plays.

"You look at his face, and you don't know whether he's hurt or not, because all the time his face is squished up," said fullback John L. Williams. "When he's going to the huddle, the linemen ask me if he's all right, and I'll say he's fine. The more tired he



Curt Warner

gets, the better he plays."

Seahawks offensive backfield-coach Chick Harris said, "He has a surge of energy when he's down and out. Jim Brown and O.J. Simpson used to have it. They would get up slow and would take it slow. When you think you could get them, they would get that quick burst."

Yet after games, Warner almost needs to be carried to his car. Nothing he's tried has relieved his toe problem.

About the only time he's felt good has been when he's carried the football. Adrenaline flows as he gets into the rhythm of breaking through defenses.

"You go out there and keep getting hit and keep getting hit and pretty soon you accept it," he said.

So pain doesn't affect Warner's play. In fact, his entire running philosophy is to not worry about tomorrow, just get the most out of every run.

"I try to play it like every play is my last play because I've been there before," he said. "You're expendable. You're not designed to be indestructible out there. You try to play as hard as you can and leave it at that."

JOHN CLAYTON



Howie Long

guy. I try to disrupt things and draw people to me, set other people up.

"I try to do what is required of me in a team defense. I don't try to do things to stand out individually. I try to play the team concept. So far, it's been pretty good for me."

JAY LAWRENCE

## Maturing Long Says He Has Salvaged the Season

LOS ANGELES—He experienced resentment from some striking teammates for crossing the picket line, played poorly—by his own admission—in two replacement games and was criticized by network analysts. Nonetheless, Howie Long said 1987 has been a rewarding season.

"The whole situation could have been the best thing that ever happened to me," said the Los Angeles Raiders defensive end. "It's been a tremendous learning experience and a tremendous maturing experience."

"It made me realize who is important and who my friends are. When it's all said and done, it's only going to be two, three or four people."

Long's trying year might have

reached its nadir when he and nose tackle Bill Pickel crossed the Raiders' picket line midway through the 24-day NFL players' strike. Long's teammates were furious and Long had difficulty keeping his mind on his work.

"I had some problems in the two strike games, emotionally, and I think the effort was not what it should have been," he said. "The decision I made to come back and play was as a man. I should have reacted as a man, and I didn't react as a man."

"It was difficult. Every little thing was magnified emotionally and every little thing bothered me. I was on a razor's edge. I didn't feel comfortable. I don't feel it should have affected my play and it did. When you make a

decision as a man, you should respond as a man, and I didn't. I let emotions get the best of me."

Long had only three tackles and two assists in two replacement games. He was criticized on national television during a 30-14 loss at Denver.

"Unfortunately, one of the strike games was on Monday Night Football and my man Dan Dierdorf, I think, has forgotten that he once played the game," Long said. "It's unfortunate. You expect to see more out of a former player."

There also was resentment when Long's striking teammates returned to work.

"I'm sure there was (resentment), but it wasn't directed towards me," Long said. "It might

have been directed towards me in around-the-corner discussions."

"I'm real comfortable. I sleep at night. I can look in the mirror."

Long had only three sacks in his first nine games, but recently had a reassuring conversation with Raiders Managing General Partner Al Davis.

"When things are going bad, everyone has an answer for why things are going bad," Long said. "A broadcasting team will just look and look and look. I know personally in the situation I'm in, people have an iso (isolation) camera on me on the side, waiting for that bad play. But there's nothing I can do about it."

"I'm working hard and playing within a team defense. That's what I do. I'll never be a big sack



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## 49ers 23 Packers 12

**The Big Play:** The 49ers led, 16-12, and faced third-and-five at their own 43-yard line with less than eight minutes left. Jerry Rice ran a slant pattern and Joe Montana hit him with a perfect pass. The play resulted in a 57-yard touchdown.

"If you drew a little target 40 yards away and asked (Montana) to put the ball there, that's where he put it," said Green Bay linebacker Brian Noble. "A great quarterback and a great receiver came up with a great touchdown. It's one of those plays you can't stop."

Rice has now scored at least one touchdown in 10 straight games, one shy of the league record for a wide receiver set by the Rams' Elroy Hirsch in 1950-51 and equaled by Pittsburgh's Buddy Dial in 1959-60.

**The Streak:** In addition to throwing for two touchdowns and running for another, Montana completed his first 17 passes. Combined with completions in his final five attempts against Cleveland one week earlier, that gave Montana 22 straight completions, which eclipsed the record of 20 set by Cincinnati's Ken Anderson against Houston on January 2, 1983.

**Notable:** Dave Brown's third-quarter interception for Green Bay was the 53rd of his 13-year career, tops among active players. . . . The non-strike Packers have not won at Lambeau Field since December 1, 1985.

## Raiders 34 Bills 21

**Fire Starter:** Bo Jackson's value can't be measured in rushing yards alone. It seems that the rookie running back is helping other Raiders flourish just by his presence. "We needed a spark," said wide receiver Dokie Williams. "Bo came in and gave us a fire. It's spreading, too."

Quarterback Marc Wilson had the hot hand against Buffalo, completing 21 of 32 passes for 337 yards and three touchdowns. In his last two games, Wilson has thrown five scoring passes and no interceptions.

The Raiders opened up the second half by going 75 yards in three plays—the last one a 41-yard touchdown pass from Wilson to James Lofton—to take the lead for good. Lofton had his biggest day of the season, catching six passes for 132 yards.

**No Mistake About It:** The Raiders played error-free football for the first time this season in winning their second game in a row after a club-record seven-game losing streak. "We have been playing well, but because of our mistakes we had no wins to show for it," said defensive end Sean Jones. "We buried ourselves. Now we have a chance to haunt some people."

**Notable:** Jackson rushed 19 times for 78 yards and caught four passes for 59 yards, including a 14-yard touchdown. . . . Bills quarterback Jim Kelly threw a touchdown pass in his 17th straight game.

## NFL ROUNDUP



Giants linebacker Lawrence Taylor makes his point after sacking Eagles quarterback Randall Cunningham.

## Giants 23 Eagles 20 (OT)

**Not This Time:** The Giants had blown fourth-quarter leads in four games prior to this one—and lost all four. They led the Eagles, 20-6, with five minutes to play before Philadelphia scored two touchdowns in the final 4:22 to force overtime. But New York prevailed on Raul Allegre's 28-yard field goal with 4:18 left in the extra session.

"I'm not jumping for joy over this game," said New York line-

backer Harry Carson. "It was a game that never should have been close. We should have played much better."

**Flipping Out:** The decisive moment may have been when Eagles captain Reggie White called "tails" on the coin flip to start overtime. It came up heads and the Giants elected to defend the southeast goal at Giants Stadium, forcing the Eagles to combat with winds that reached nearly 20 mph during the game.

"It wasn't any decision," said Giants Coach Bill Parcells. "Any-

body in their right mind would have done the same thing. It (the wind) was a big factor today."

Thirty-six of the game's 43 points were scored by the team with the wind at its back.

**Notable:** At the end of regulation, each team had exactly 30 minutes in time of possession and 14 first downs. The Eagles had a slight edge (261-260) in total yards. . . . The Giants have now beaten the Eagles six straight times. . . . Philadelphia's John Teltchik set a single-game NFL record by punting 15 times.

## Steelers 13 Seahawks 9

**Like Days of Old:** Pittsburgh rushed 44 times for 209 yards and its defense registered season bests by limiting Seattle to 215 yards overall and 80 yards passing.

"It was like an old Steelers game, the Steelers of the '70s," center Mike Webster said. "Physical football, coming off the ball, running it. Playing good defense, good special teams. Not making a lot of mistakes. It was very remi-

niscant of what made us successful in the decade of the '70s."

Said Coach Chuck Noll, "I can't say enough about the effort. Frankie Pollard (22 carries, 106 yards) epitomized the feeling our whole team had, and he did it not with talk but on the field."

**The Quotes:** Seattle Coach Chuck Knox on the Seahawks' self-destruction: "It was a game of missed opportunities. It started when we missed an extra point. That we get a call on a pass that would have put the ball down at the two. Then the time we forced

a fumble and the ball was out there and we can't get on it. That's what cost us the game."

Seattle linebacker Brian Bosworth on the team's two straight losses: "It's time to face the music and come get the playoffs if we want it."

**Notable:** The crowd of 48,881 marked the Steelers' second consecutive game with attendance under 50,000. . . . Seattle receiver Steve Largent reinjured his knee and strained a hamstring. . . . Pollard played in place of injured Earnest Jackson (ribs).

## Falcons 21 Cowboys 10

**'Lowest Point':** Dallas President and General Manager Tex Schramm said the loss was the worst he'd ever experienced.

"It's probably the lowest point in my 38 years in pro football," he said. "This never happened in my 10 years with the Rams. Of course, we lost our first five years here. But it was exciting because the coaches and players were trying so hard then."

Not counting the three strike

games, the Cowboys have lost 13 of their last 17 games. One more loss will guarantee Dallas its second consecutive losing record after 20 straight winning seasons.

**Quick Start:** The Falcons broke a six-game losing streak by scoring two early touchdowns within a 13-second span. They drove 81 yards in 10 plays on their first possession, with Scott Campbell and Floyd Dixon combining on a 28-yard scoring pass. On the ensuing kickoff, Dallas' Kelvin Edwards fumbled after being hit by Elbert Shelley and

Major Everett. Robert Moore scooped up the loose ball and ran 20 yards for a 14-0 Atlanta lead.

"Let's hope this is the start of something that is going to be better for us," said beleaguered Falcons Coach Marion Campbell.

**Notable:** The crowd of 40,103 at Texas Stadium was the smallest to see the Cowboys play in Dallas in 22 years. . . . Gerald Riggs rushed for 119 yards and overtook William Andrews as the leading rusher in Atlanta history. Riggs now has 6,030 yards to Andrews' 6,001.

## Rams 37 Lions 16

**The Big Play:** Leading, 20-16, in the third quarter, the Rams had a second-and-seven from their own 19-yard line. Quarterback Jim Everett went deep for wide receiver Henry Ellard, who scored an easy touchdown when Lions cornerback Bobby Watkins fell down.

"I saw that Jimmy was in trouble and I made an out move to get by him (Watkins)," said Ellard. "He tried to grab and slipped off."

"I thought we had deep, middle help," Watkins said. "But I think the play action got us. I thought the free safety was going to save my behind. And I looked up and he was standing right next to me."

**The Quote:** Rams Coach John Robinson on Everett, who passed for 324 yards, 186 in the second half: "I'm not familiar with the stats, but Jim Everett has been playing better and better every week. In years to come, you'll hear about Everett, (Chuck) Long, (Bernie) Kosar and (Vinny) Testaverde. They'll all be considered right up there with the best."

**Notable:** Rams safety Vince Newsome was lost for the season with a knee injury. . . . In the last 13 seasons, the Lions have lost the game following their Thanksgiving Day game 12 times. . . . Rams running back Charles White, with 102 yards on 29 carries, had his fourth straight 100-yard game.

## Colts 9 Browns 7

**The Big Play:** Trailing, 9-7, early in the fourth quarter, Cleveland had driven from its own 30-yard line to deep inside Colts territory when running back Earnest Byner fumbled and former replacement player Mike Prior recovered for Indianapolis.

On two subsequent possessions, the Browns never threatened.

**The Quotes:** Colts linebacker Barry Krauss: "They seemed more concerned with not losing than they did with trying to beat us."

Cleveland wide receiver Webster Slaughter: "We were flat in the first half. We came in at half-time and tried to change that by talking it up. But it was the same thing in the second half."

Browns Coach Marty Schottenheimer on his team's season-low 247 yards: "The Colts did an excellent job of disguising coverages."

Wide receiver Reggie Langhorne on his absence from the Browns' offense: "It's a shame all the talent on this team is not being taken advantage of. Teams shouldn't be able to line up and key on one or two guys. I practice five days a week. I hustle, I play special teams, but I can't be part of the offense."

**Notable:** Colts defensive end Jon Hand left with a sprained knee in the first half and did not return. . . . Colts running back Eric Dickerson rushed for 98 yards, snapping a streak of four straight 100-yard games.



## PRO FOOTBALL

**Bengals 30  
Chiefs 27 (OT)**

**Deja Vu:** In last week's 27-20 loss to the Jets, Cincinnati kicker Jim Breech had a 46-yard field-goal attempt blocked and returned for the game-winning touchdown. The Bengals were protecting a 20-17 lead against Kansas City with seven minutes left when it happened again. Bill Maas blocked a 28-yard field-goal attempt by Breech and Kevin Ross returned the ball 65 yards for a touchdown to give Kansas City its first lead of the game.

But the Bengals bounced right back, driving 75 yards in four plays to regain the lead on a 23-yard touchdown pass from Boomer Esiason to James Brooks. Kansas City's Nick Lowery hit a 33-yard field goal on the last play of regulation to force overtime, but the Bengals won on Breech's 32-yard field goal 9:44 into overtime.

"I was thankful I got the opportunity," Breech said of his overtime kick. "I was saying a prayer that we wouldn't have it blocked."

**Notable:** Prior to the block by the Jets last week, the only other time in Bengals history that an opposing team had blocked a field-goal attempt and returned it for a touchdown came on September 17, 1972, when New England did it. . . . The Bengals' victory was their first at Riverfront Stadium since a 52-21 rout of the Jets last December 21. . . . Bill Kenney's third-quarter touchdown pass to Stephane Paige was the 100th of his career for the Chiefs' quarterback.

**Oilers 33  
Chargers 18**

**Quick Strikers:** The Oilers set the tone early. On San Diego's third offensive play, quarterback Dan Fouts was hit by blitzing safety Keith Bostic and fumbled. Linebacker Robert Lyles picked up the loose ball and returned it 55 yards for a touchdown.

"I think we blitzed about every play but four," said Oilers Coach Jerry Glanville. "When we saw that the blitz threw Fouts off rhythm and that they couldn't handle it, we just kept on coming."

Two series later, the Oilers recovered a fumble by Chargers wide receiver Wes Chandler. That led to a 48-yard field goal by Tony Zendejas and a 10-0 lead. On its next possession, Houston went 80 yards in nine plays, Allen Pinkett finishing the drive with a four-yard touchdown run.

"It's crazy for the Oilers to do something like that to us," said San Diego defensive end Joe Phillips. "We were down 17-0 before I knew it."

**Falling On Hard Times:** Once the proud owners of an eight-game winning streak this season, the Chargers now have lost three in a row. The Oilers recovered four San Diego fumbles and had five QB sacks.

"We didn't play worth a damn," said Fouts, who lost two fumbles. "I've never been through anything quite like this before. We have to play better and it's got to start with me."

**Bears 30  
Vikings 24**

**The MVP:** Chicago wide receiver Dennis Gentry broke tackle attempts by Wyman Henderson and Steve Freeman to score the game-winning touchdown on a pass from Mike Tomczak.

"You guys won't believe this, but I told Dennis on Tuesday that he would be the MVP of the game," Bears Coach Mike Ditka told reporters after the game. "I don't know why I said it, but I did."

Tomczak replaced Jim McMa-

hon, who left the game because of an injured hamstring with 11:01 remaining.

**The Big Hits:** Todd Bell saved the day defensively for the Bears. After a Chris Doleman sack of Tomczak forced a fumble, the Vikings took over at the Chicago one-yard line with 6:04 to play.

Bell stopped Wade Wilson on a quarterback sneak on third down and dropped Darrin Nelson for a three-yard loss on fourth down.

"I saw him (Nelson) coming my way and I knew I had to make

the big play," Bell said. "I'm sure if he went the other way, someone else would have got him."

**Notable:** Doleman sacks have forced six fumbles in the last four games. . . . Minnesota quarterback Tommy Kramer, who left in the first half with a bruised shoulder, has played one complete game in the last 15 games with regulars. . . . Wilson completed his first six passes, three for TDs. . . . Bears linebacker Mike Singletary had a fingernail sewn back on after the game.

ed with Tice for another touchdown and a 14-0 lead.

Testaverde also had his good moments. He scored the Bucs' first touchdown on a one-yard run and passed for two other TDs.

"He made some big plays and some mistakes, but that's part of his education and learning this game," said Tampa Bay Coach Ray Perkins. "He's learned about as much as he's going to on the sidelines."

**Notable:** The Saints have intercepted a team-record 27 passes this season.

**Saints 44  
Buccaneers 34**

**The Playoffs:** For the first time in their 21-year history, the Saints will be making a postseason appearance. They clinched at least a wild-card spot in the playoffs by running their record to 9-3 with their sixth straight victory.

"I think we ought to start talking about the playoffs now," said Coach Jim Mora, who had refused to do anything of the sort in recent weeks. "Are we a playoff team? You bet we are."

**Vinny's Debut:** The first NFL start for Bucs rookie quarterback Vinny Testaverde was a rough one. He fumbled on Tampa Bay's third play from scrimmage after being sacked by defensive end Jim Wilks. Bruce Clark recovered for New Orleans and four plays later, Bobby Hebert hit John Tice for an eight-yard touchdown. On the Bucs' next play from scrimmage, Testaverde dropped the center snap and Pat Swilling recovered for the Saints at the Tampa Bay 38. Four plays later, Hebert connect-

## NFL STANDINGS

## AMERICAN CONFERENCE

## EASTERN DIVISION

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	PF	PA	Div.	Conf.	Home	Road
Indianapolis	7	5	0	.583	253	198	5-2	7-5	3-3	4-2
New York Jets	6	5	0	.545	252	223	3-3	6-3	4-3	2-2
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	229	272	3-3	4-5	4-2	2-4
Miami	5	6	0	.455	264	252	1-5	4-6	2-2	3-4
New England	5	7	0	.417	241	256	3-2	5-4	4-3	1-4

## CENTRAL DIVISION

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	PF	PA	Div.	Conf.	Home	Road
Cleveland	7	5	0	.583	309	185	3-1	5-3	4-2	3-3
Houston	7	5	0	.583	290	292	3-1	5-4	3-2	4-3
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	236	240	2-2	5-3	4-2	3-3
Cincinnati	4	8	0	.333	220	270	0-4	3-7	1-6	3-2

## WESTERN DIVISION

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	PF	PA	Div.	Conf.	Home	Road
Denver	8	3	1	.708	314	243	5-0	6-2	5-1	3-2-1
San Diego	8	4	0	.667	230	253	3-3	6-4	4-1	4-3
Seattle	7	5	0	.583	289	231	3-2	4-5	5-2	2-3
Los Angeles Raiders	5	7	0	.417	271	243	2-5	3-6	3-3	2-4
Kansas City	2	10	0	.167	199	338	1-4	1-8	1-4	1-6

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

## EASTERN DIVISION

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	PF	PA	Div.	Conf.	Home	Road
xWashington	9	3	0	.750	307	218	6-1	7-3	5-1	4-2
Dallas	5	7	0	.417	270	287	3-3	3-6	2-4	3-3
Philadelphia	5	7	0	.417	272	318	3-5	4-7	3-3	2-4
St. Louis	5	7	0	.417	288	309	2-4	5-6	3-3	2-4
New York Giants	4	8	0	.333	216	288	3-4	3-7	3-3	1-5

## CENTRAL DIVISION

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	PF	PA	Div.	Conf.	Home	Road
yChicago	10	2	0	.833	329	204	7-0	9-1	6-1	4-1
Minnesota	7	5	0	.583	285	278	2-4	5-4	5-2	2-3
Green Bay	4	7	1	.375	205	237	2-4	3-5	1-5-1	3-2
Tampa Bay	4	8	0	.333	256	285	3-3	4-7	2-3	2-5
Detroit	2	10	0	.167	205	344	1-4	2-6	1-5	1-5

## WESTERN DIVISION

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	PF	PA	Div.	Conf.	Home	Road
ySan Francisco	10	2	0	.833	335	246	3-1	7-1	3-1	7-1
yNew Orleans	9	3	0	.750	324	225	4-1	7-3	4-1	5-2
Los Angeles Rams	5	7	0	.417	263	284	0-4	4-5	2-3	3-4
Atlanta	3	9	0	.250	185	338	1-2	3-5	2-5	1-4

x—clinched division title y—clinched playoff berth

## Games of December 13-14 (All Times Local)

## American Conference

Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1:00 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1:00 p.m.  
Los Angeles Raiders at Kansas City, 3:00 p.m.  
New York Jets at New England, 1:00 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 1:00 p.m.  
Denver at Seattle (Sunday), 5:00 p.m.

## National Conference

Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams, 1:00 p.m.  
Dallas at Washington, 1:00 p.m.  
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 4:00 p.m.  
Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milw., 12:00 noon  
New York Giants at St. Louis, 3:00 p.m.  
Chicago at San Fran. (Monday), 6:00 p.m.

## Interconference Games

Houston at New Orleans, 12:00 p.m.  
Miami at Philadelphia, 1:00 p.m.

**Redskins 34  
Cardinals 17**

**The Turning Point:** Trailing, 17-10, in the third quarter, the Redskins faced third-and-two from the St. Louis 44. On an incomplete pass, defensive end Freddie Joe Nunn was called on a personal foul for hitting tackle Mark May, giving Washington a first down. Five plays later, Jay Schroeder scored on a quarterback draw. Derrick McAdoo fumbled the ensuing kickoff and three plays later, the Redskins led, 24-17.

"We were going at it and in the second half it was really nasty," said May. "On that play, I hit (Nunn) where he didn't want to be hit. He turned around and slugged me. I saw the official reach to pull his flag, so I didn't hit him back."

"He deserved it. We noticed on film that every time he got a sack he did a little dance. That plus the fact that George Rogers was out with Freddie Joe last night for dinner and he told me that Freddie Joe was going to kick my rear. That got me fired up."

**Other Motivation:** The Redskins said they were also motivated by a play at the end of the first half on which St. Louis quarterback Neil Lomax ran for a first down and waved the ball at safety Alvin Walton.

"You don't do that to Dirty Al," defensive end Charles Mann said. "We were a little ticked off at some guy shoving the ball in our face, mocking us."

**Notable:** The Redskins clinched the NFC East title.

**Broncos 31  
Patriots 20**

**The Donations:** Trailing, 17-3, at halftime, Denver forced five New England turnovers in the second half, two on the Patriots' first two possessions of the third quarter that allowed the Broncos to quickly tie the score.

"We played very well in the first half, but everything came apart in the third quarter," said Patriots Coach Raymond Berry. "I wasn't concerned so much with (Broncos quarterback) John Elway as I was with our generosity. Our donations really took us out of the ball game."

Broncos Coach Dan Reeves said, "At halftime, we came in and decided to turn it around and challenged the defense to pick up the slack."

Said Patriots wide receiver Irving Fryar, who fumbled an exchange on the first scrimmage play of the third quarter, "I sensed the momentum changing as soon as I fumbled."

**The Quote:** Denver wide receiver Vance Johnson, who suffered a dislocated shoulder and had a touchdown streak stopped at six games, on the tying touchdown scored by former replacement Rick Massie: "It wasn't just the two Amigos out there. We had what's his name, Massie, in there. He's an Amigo, too."

**Notable:** New England receiver Stanley Morgan did not play after pulling a hamstring in pregame warmups. . . . Denver receiver Ricky Nattiel fractured his wrist.



## AROUND THE NFC

## Long Gets Chance to Catch Up

DETROIT—When Chuck Long is playing quarterback, Detroit Lions Coach Darryl Rogers paces the sideline like an expectant father.

Long may be a bonus baby, but Rogers wants him to act like a woman in labor—and deliver. Unfortunately for nervous dads and Lions fans, both processes take some time.

"You can't give him everything you want right now or he'll be bowled over," said Rogers. "Sure, I get impatient sometimes. I know he's going to do it some day, but it's unrealistic to think he can do it all now."

Technically, Long won't complete his "rookie" season until the second week of the 1988 schedule. That's when he will have started 16 games over a span of three different seasons.

"I got caught up in an unfortunate circumstance," said Long, referring to the contract holdout in his rookie season and the four-game washout from the players' strike this season. "I'm a little behind, aren't I?"

The Lions are going to give Long, their top draft pick in 1986, every opportunity to catch up. As long as he stays healthy, he will take every snap.

"That's the whole idea, getting it to be second nature," said Long. "I'm still playing teams for the first time. As it goes on, I'll see what they do and be more familiar. I'm picking things up every week."

Long, who led Iowa to the Big Ten Conference title in 1985, is not accustomed to being the leader of a losing team.



Chuck Long

"I find myself not pressing, but it's easy to do," he said. "I'm a firm believer in turning a bad play into a good play. I won't lie to you, I've pressed at certain times."

Long's ratio of touchdown passes to interceptions (eight to 13 after 11 games) hasn't been good this season. Next to losing, that's what he hates most.

"That's a big stat," he said. "You always want a high completion percentage and you want to keep those interceptions down."

You don't care as much about touchdown passes as you do interceptions."

Long is perhaps the only high-profile player on the Lions. Much of that can be attributed to the fair-haired, golden-boy image he picked up at Iowa, where he was a record-setting quarterback.

"(Coach) Hayden Fry stuck me with that Jack Armstrong stuff," said Long. "I didn't even know who he was until he started it up. I'm not a goody-goody."

Perhaps not. But that's the feeling football fans were left with when Long's family, especially his younger brother, Andy, who is stricken with cerebral palsy, was often highlighted during Saturday afternoon telecasts.

"To be truthful, I think the press played it up," said Long's wife, Lisa. "Andy has had a big effect on Chuck's life. Chuck loves Andy more than anything in this world. If anything ever happened to Andy, Chuck would never be the same person."

"But they made it seem that Chuck was only playing football for Andy. That's not the case."

Long said, "I think they did a good job with it, but they did play it up. Andy motivates me in a different way."

"Like if it's 95 degrees out, I've got a headache, some guy's been pounding on me all day long and we lose the game—the four worst combinations you can get—and I'm dragging myself off the field... that's where I get my motivation from my brother. That's where I've probably kept a pretty good perspective on football."

TOM KOWALSKI

## End Not the End for Doleman

MINNEAPOLIS—The Minnesota Vikings have used six of their last 10 first-round draft picks to try and find defensive line off-spring to Carl Eller, Alan Page and Jim Marshall.

Duck White and Randy Holloway came and went. Doug Martin and Mark Mullaney have been OK, but not stars. And Keith Millard and Gerald Robinson have potential, but haven't done much this season.

But the Vikings finally may have found a potential sack star by accident. Chris Doleman, a No. 1 draft pick in 1985, has gone from being a confused linebacker who had to come out on passing downs to a dominating defensive end.

"At first, he thought the move was degrading," said defensive coordinator Floyd Peters. "But I was taking him out of our dime package and the move let me keep him in on every down."

The 6-5, 260-pound Doleman, who possesses sizzling speed, was too good a specimen to play part time.

"But I didn't want to be a run-of-the-mill defensive end running up the field," he said. "I wanted to

utilize my special abilities."

So Peters designed a spot he called the "loaded gun" position. Usually, Doleman will charge the quarterbacks. Occasionally, though, he'll drop back in pass coverage like he did when he was a linebacker at the University of Pittsburgh.

"He's got definite star potential in this league," said Millard, who led the Vikings in sacks in 1985 and '86. "It takes awhile to get used to the line after playing linebacker his whole life. But if he stays as intense and focused, he'll be great."

Doleman never would have come to Minnesota had the Bernie Kosar deal fallen through in 1985. Cleveland used a loophole in the supplemental draft to snatch Kosar. That left the Vikings with the fourth pick overall in the regular draft, and they surprised experts by picking Doleman.

In his first two seasons, Doleman failed to live up to expectations.

"I didn't think it was fair, but nobody said this league was supposed to be fair," Doleman said. "When you're a No. 1 pick, it means you're going to miss a cou-

ple weeks of camp. Then in my first game, Matt Blair got hurt and (former coach) Bud Grant put me in cold."

The frustration ended last year when Peters decided to make Doleman an end. He didn't have to think and read as much, and could cash in on his speed and size.

It seems to have worked. In a four-game stretch this season, Doleman had nine sacks, forced three quarterbacks to fumble and two others to throw interceptions.

Unlike most players who blame the strike for subpar seasons, Doleman attributes his sudden rise to the walkout.

"The strike helped me rest and focus on what I wanted to do," he said. "I was down and burned out and came back with a better attitude."

Off the field, Doleman is a man of varied tastes. He plays saxophone, drives a Porsche, listens to jazz and ignores most violent sports.

"That's my personality," said Doleman. "I like fast cars and slow music. I play a violent game, but don't like boxing."

CURT BROWN

## Bears Sign Singletary; Waiting List a Long One

CHICAGO—When the Chicago Bears and Pro Bowl middle linebacker Mike Singletary agreed to terms on a new contract recently, that was good news.

The bad news for the Bears was that it pointed up how many more players they must bring into the fold before the beginning of the 1988 season. According to Ted Phillips, the Bears' director of finance, 21 more Bears must reach agreement before next season begins. Two others list 1988 as their option year.

The Singletary deal was relatively easy. Negotiating without an agent, Singletary had reached an agreement with the Bears before the 1987 season began. The contract was finalized now because he wanted to have it out of the way before the playoffs began.

Terms were not announced, but it is believed that the new deal will put Singletary in the neighborhood of the NFL's two highest-paid linebackers—Lawrence Taylor of the New York Giants and Hugh Green of the Miami Dolphins. According to the NFL Players Association survey, Taylor's base salary this year is \$900,000 and Green's is \$750,000.

"I'm not saying he's in that area," Phillips said of Singletary's deal. "But he got a good contract. Who's done more in the league than Mike has?"

Among the 21 players Phillips will have to start dealing with soon are linebackers Wilber Marshall and Otis Wilson. Wilson was a 1985 Pro Bowler and Marshall made the Pro Bowl last year. Both players will pay close attention to Singletary's numbers. Marshall is in the last year of a contract that pays him \$493,000. Wilson will be in his option year in 1988.

The Wilson and Marshall deals are of particular concern to Phillips because of the deals scored by rookie linebackers Brian Bosworth of Seattle and Cornelius Bennett of Buffalo. Bosworth's contract reportedly will pay him \$11 million over 10 years and Bennett's reportedly is worth \$4 million for five years.

"Those make no business sense," Phillips told the Chicago Tribune.

Wide receiver Willie Gault, who is enjoying a Pro Bowl caliber season, is in his option year and contract negotiations are ongoing.

Other Bears starters in the last year of their contracts include center Jay Hilgenberg, cornerback Mike Richardson, defensive tackle Steve McMichael, kicker Kevin Butler, linebacker Ron Rivera, tackle Keith Van Horne, tight end Emery Moorehead and wide receiver Dennis McKinnon.

BRIAN HEWITT

## Disproving the Doubters

TAMPA—At the time, it was no big deal. Ray Isom, a rookie free-agent defensive back for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, went on injured reserve after suffering a severely sprained ankle in the final preseason game.

Isom, a former Penn State star, had made a decent impression during training camp while playing free safety. But the Bucs had just traded for Rick Woods, a six-year veteran, and made him their starting free safety. Behind Woods was Craig Swoope, who started 11 games as a rookie in 1986.

It seemed like Isom was destined never to be heard from again. That's usually the fate of free agents who are 5-9 and 190 pounds.

But circumstances changed. Three months later, Swoope and Woods had been waived and Isom went from the injured reserve list to the starting lineup. He intercepted passes in each of his first two games.

Pretty impressive for a guy no NFL team figured was worth a draft choice, even though he had been a three-year starter at Penn State.

"On paper, I'm not fast enough to play," Isom said. "I'm not tall enough to play. But a lot of it is in the will."

Isom was big enough and fast enough to deprive quarterback Vinny Testaverde—now a Tampa Bay teammate—and the Miami Hurricanes of the national cham-

pionship in the Fiesta Bowl last January. Isom made several vicious hits during Penn State's 14-10 victory.

"He might have been the one person that won the Fiesta Bowl," said Buccaneers Coach Ray Perkins. "He intimidated some Miami receivers early in the game."

Certainly, Isom has not been intimidated by anything in the NFL. Perkins, the former coach at Alabama, knew he wouldn't be; during Isom's college career, Penn State played Alabama four times. It was that familiarity that convinced Perkins to give Isom a chance.

"Ray Isom is an overachiever," Perkins said. "He overcomes a lack of some things. But he doesn't make mistakes too many times. It might sound crazy, but I think he's got some leadership qualities, even at a very young age."

Isom isn't about to become complacent now that he has established roots in the NFL. It wasn't long ago that he was considering life after football.

"After college, I had achieved all I set out to do with football—getting through college and playing on a championship team," Isom said. "So pro ball didn't mean that much to me then."

But the chance to disprove the doubters was something he couldn't resist.

NATHAN HUANG



## Sacks Haven't Been Haley's Bag in '87

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco 49ers have found sacks harder to come by this season than dues payments to the NFL Players Association. The man who was supposed to lead the charge, second-year defensive end Charles Haley, has been tied up like a Christmas package by the opposition.

After dipping his big toe in stardom last year, Haley was expected to jump in head-first this year. Instead, the prospective lethal pass rusher has been suffering through what looks suspiciously like a sophomore jinx.

Last season, opponents couldn't keep Haley out of their backfields. He led NFC rookies in sacks with 12, led the 49ers' defensive linemen in tackles with 59 and tied for the team lead in forced fumbles with four.

What could possibly have stopped him in '87?

Nagging injuries.

In training camp, he suffered,



Charles Haley

among other injuries, a sprained ankle that took three months to heal. In the second game of the season, he suffered a hip injury that mystified doctors.

To his credit, Haley hasn't used the injuries as an excuse. He talked about the hip injury only

when pressed.

"I don't know if there's an explanation or not," he said. "It was really frustrating at first because the doctors didn't know what was going on. I wanted to know so we could get it fixed. As it turned out, all I needed was time to get over it."

The one positive thing Haley got out of the players' strike was a chance to rest the hip.

"By not playing those four weeks, it really helped," he said. "If we had played, I'd probably be out for the season."

Were Haley's first-year statistics misleading? Did he just catch offensive lines by surprise with his quickness?

The 49ers' coaches say his injuries have bothered him more than he lets on, but they wonder if the opposition hasn't figured out how to nullify his speed.

"Although not a small man (6-5, 240 pounds) he's not as big as the people he's been playing," defen-

sive line coach Fred vonAppen said.

"It's obvious he doesn't push off or run with the same authority. But he's getting closer to it. You can see the surges to the ball that he had last year when he was healthy."

The 49ers have tried to move Haley around in the line, even having him drop back in pass coverage as a linebacker. But he hasn't learned all the tricks of pass rushing yet, and if opponents can figure out a pass rusher's moves, he can disappear in a hurry.

It hasn't been easy for Haley, who is something of an enigma in the locker room.

"Charles isn't easy to figure out," nose tackle Michael Carter said. "He's a real clown in the locker room. When he kids around, sometimes he kids too much. When he's serious, he can be too serious."

TOM FITZGERALD

## Ron Baker: A Father Figure Who Can Still Block

PHILADELPHIA—If he was a little louder, a little prouder, Philadelphia Eagles right guard Ron Baker might be called a lion in winter. But he rarely roars.

Baker is an anonymous lineman on a team with a dazzling young quarterback, big-name wide receivers and a charismatic defensive end. He is quiet and reliable, a leader by his actions but a man of few words.

Even Baker's backers talk more about what he doesn't do than what he does do. Baker doesn't get hurt, doesn't miss practice, doesn't blow assignments and doesn't shoot off his mouth.

"He's the consummate offensive lineman," said Eagles right tackle Joe Conwell. "Injury free, controversy free, always there, always productive. He keeps his mouth shut and does his job."

At 33, Baker is the second-old-

est player on the Eagles' roster.

On a team that has stressed youth since Buddy Ryan became the head coach in January 1986, Baker has survived a purge that has resulted in the departures of the other four starters on the 1985 Eagles' offensive line.

Ryan loves Baker's durability—his ability to avoid missing drills, practices and games. Baker has started 95 of the last 96 Eagles games.

"It's luck," Baker said. "It's more being fortunate than anything else. A lot of guys work out hard in the off-season. I work out hard, but I've also been lucky."

"I'm just thankful that I've been around for both sides, for wins and losses. I've weathered both storms, and that's made me appreciate things."

Baker has more starting experience than the Eagles' other four offensive linemen combined. But



Ron Baker

he's more than a father figure. He can still block.

"Ron Baker's blocking better than any guard in the league," Eagles offensive coordinator Ted

Plumb said. "He just doesn't get the attention."

Now in his 10th NFL season, Baker said he feels his age most in the off-season, when he's preparing for another training camp. But he also notices the passage of the years on game day.

"Mentally, I'm as sharp as ever," he said. "But physically, I can't do some things I want to. My speed is diminished. I have to get by on experience."

Given his age and salary (\$310,000), Baker is certain to have an interesting experience with the Eagles' front office in the off-season. His contract expires on February 1.

"If they sign me, OK; if not, I had a great career," Baker said. "When you get to my age, you don't worry about it. You've reached your goals. Everything else is cream on the top."

PHIL ANASTASIA

## Packers Can't Knock Ron Hallstrom

GREEN BAY—As the right guard for the Green Bay Packers, Ron Hallstrom has been a quality player for the last four seasons without receiving any postseason recognition. Whether that changes this year shouldn't affect the respect he's been receiving from his peers.

In a locker-room poll of the Packers' offensive linemen this season, Hallstrom was a unanimous choice as the most consistent blocker.

"It's been Hallstrom, no doubt in my mind," said left guard Tom Neville. "I'd have to say he's pretty much error-free and he's knocking people on the ground."

"No doubt, Ron Hallstrom," right tackle Alan Veingrad said. "He's just been mashing people."

Virgil Knight, the strength coach who assists Jerry Wampfler with the offensive line, said there wasn't any question

that Hallstrom was having his finest season. He said Hallstrom had improved his drive blocking and that his sack/hurry ratio was way down. Hallstrom didn't allow a sack in his first seven games.

The Packers keep a bar-graph record of knockdowns by their offensive linemen on a wall in the meeting room. Hallstrom's line extends twice as far as any other player's.

"You can get leverage on him because Ron plays high," said inside linebacker Brian Noble, who plays opposite Hallstrom in practice. "But even if you do, he just engulfs you with his bulk."

A 6-6, 300-pounder with terrific speed and body control, Hallstrom was a late bloomer who started only one season at Iowa. Thus there was considerable skepticism when the Packers made him the 22nd pick overall in the 1982 draft.

Hallstrom got off to a slow start in the NFL. He suffered a broken nose during a training camp fight with former linebacker Kurt Allerman and didn't endear himself to teammates because of his lax work habits. He spent his first two seasons on the bench and contends to this day that he would have been waived in the final roster cutdown before the 1984 season if another lineman hadn't been injured two days earlier.

Controversy continued to follow Hallstrom even after he cracked the starting lineup.

One year, he enraged Coach Forrest Gregg by staying out of minicamp for contractual reasons. His relationship with Wampfler has been rocky, to say the least. Late in this past preseason, after being demoted for one game, Hallstrom reportedly asked Gregg to trade him.

"He's been through so many



Ron Hallstrom

ups and downs here," said guard Rich Moran. "He's really got a good understanding of what's going on, and this year he's been a lot more nasty."

Once one of the better interviews on the team, Hallstrom seems to have soured now on the whole process. Although he's playing the finest football of his career, there doesn't seem to be any joy in the game for him.

"I've got nothing to say about it," he said. "If I can watch the films and come out and say, 'I played OK,' that's enough for me."

BOB MCGINN

## Rams' Guman Isn't Talking Retirement Yet

LOS ANGELES—Three months ago, any team in the NFL could have had Mike Guman for practically nothing. Now, he represents the other half of a Los Angeles Rams backfield that nobody wanted.

Charles White, who passed through waivers unclaimed a couple of times in 1985, has gained more yards and received more publicity, but Guman's contributions have not gone unnoticed.

After 11 games, he had already carried more times (31) for more yards (92) than he had in any season since 1982.

Following the Rams' 30-26 victory over Washington on November 23, he also received the first individual game ball of his career. That development made September 7, the day he spent passing through waivers, wondering if his career with the Rams was over—seem like long ago.

"It seems like about eight years ago, really, with everything else that has gone on," Guman said.

"It was a maneuver they had to do back then. Hopefully, now I can concentrate on what I have to do and what I have to do to play well."

Guman has been doing that since 1980, when he came to the Rams as a sixth-round draft choice out of Penn State. He rushed 100 times as a rookie and 115 times in 1981, but his career as a ballcarrier took a detour in '83 when John Robinson came in as coach and installed a one-back offense. Eric Dickerson, of course, was the soloist.

Typically, Guman has no complaints about the three years he spent as the U-back, but he obviously enjoys carrying the ball and working alongside White, who took over as the No. 1 tailback when Dickerson was traded to Indianapolis on October 30.

"Eric was a great guy and I got along well with him," Guman said, "but Eric was way up there in that elite group in the NFL."

"Charlie's a great football player, too, but we came in the same year together and we've run all the scout team plays together, so we're similar in a lot of respects."

The similarities extended to the NFL players' strike, which ended for Guman and White on the same day, three days before the Rams' first replacement game.

Torn before the strike began about whether to go out or not, Guman said the decision to cross the picket line wasn't an easy one but that any hard feelings have been buried in the past.

Guman has one year left on a guaranteed contract, but at 29, it's hard to see where he fits in on a team that is building for the future. He isn't talking retirement, though, at least not yet.

"I'll worry about that after the season," he said. "I'm not looking that far down the road yet."

DON SEEHOLZER



## PRO FOOTBALL

## NFL SUMMARIES

## Raiders-Seahawks

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30  
SCORE BY PERIODS

Los Angeles Raiders	7	20	10	0-37
Seattle	7	0	7	0-14

## SCORING

Seattle—Turner 19 pass from Krieg (N. Johnson kick), 9:27 1st.  
Los Angeles—Lofton 46 pass from Wilson (Bahr kick), 12:27 1st.  
Los Angeles—Jackson 14 pass from Wilson (Bahr kick), 2:41 2nd.  
Los Angeles—Jackson 91 run (Bahr kick), 5:18 2nd.  
Los Angeles—Field goal Bahr 23, 11:18 2nd.  
Los Angeles—Field goal Bahr 47, 14:16 2nd.  
Los Angeles—Jackson 2 run (Bahr kick), 3:30 3rd.  
Los Angeles—Field goal Bahr 23, 9:31 3rd.  
Seattle—Tice 3 pass from Krieg (N. Johnson kick), 14:55 3rd.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	Los Angeles	Seattle
First downs	24	14
Rushes-Yards	50-356	16-37
Passing yards	151	130
Sacked-Yards lost	1-8	4-40
3rd down eff.	6-12	6-12
Passes	11-18-0	17-31-2
Punts	2-35-0	5-42-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-86	4-22
Time of possession	36:45	23:15
Attendance	62,802	No-shows—1,838

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Los Angeles, Jackson 18-221, Allen 18-76, Mueller 6-43, Strachan 6-12, Wilson 2-4; Seattle, Warner 11-26, J.L. Williams 3-6, Krieg 2-5.  
Passing—Los Angeles, Wilson 11-18-0-159; Seattle, Krieg 17-31-2-170.  
Receiving—Los Angeles, Williams 4-47, Allen 3-20, Christensen 2-32, Lofton 1-46, Jackson 1-14; Seattle, Skansi 4-54, J.L. Williams 3-30, Tice 3-18, Largent 2-25, R. Butler 2-10, Turner 1-19, Franklin 1-7, Warner 1-7.  
Kickoff Returns—Los Angeles, Mueller 1-22, Williams 2-32; Seattle, Edmonds 8-147.  
Punt Returns—Los Angeles, Woods 2-8; Seattle, Edmonds 1-4.  
Interceptions—Los Angeles, Adams 1-8, McElroy 1-0.  
Punting—Los Angeles, Talley 2-35-0; Seattle, Rodriguez 5-42-0.  
Field Goals—Los Angeles, Bahr 3-3; Seattle, N. Johnson 0-1 (missed: 54).  
Sacks—Los Angeles, Townsend 2, Robinson, King; Seattle, Bosworth.

## Chiefs-Bengals

DECEMBER 6  
SCORE BY PERIODS

Kansas City	0	3	14	10	0-27
Cincinnati	10	7	3	7	3-30

## SCORING

Cincinnati—Kinnebrew 1 run (Breech kick), 11:36 1st.  
Cincinnati—Field goal Breech 37, 14:53 1st.  
Kansas City—Field goal Lowery 39, 8:46 2nd.  
Cincinnati—McGee 8 pass from Esision (Breech kick), 14:57 2nd.  
Kansas City—Okoye 1 run (Lowery kick), 3:44 3rd.  
Cincinnati—Field goal Breech 27, 8:07 3rd.  
Kansas City—Paige 24 pass from Kenney (Lowery kick), 13:42 3rd.  
Kansas City—Ross 65 blocked field goal return (Lowery kick), 8:00 4th.  
Cincinnati—Brooks 23 pass from Esision (Breech kick), at 10:09 4th.  
Kansas City—Field goal Lowery 33, 15:00 4th.  
Cincinnati—Field goal Breech 32, 9:44 OT.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	Kansas City	Cincinnati
First downs	21	31
Rushes-Yards	25-113	39-144
Passing yards	209	359
Sacked-Yards lost	2-20	1-9
3rd down eff.	11-17	7-16
Passes	19-39-0	28-44-0
Punts	5-32-8	4-35-5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-34	9-75
Time of possession	27:11	42:33
Attendance	46,489	No-shows—11,459

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Kansas City, Okoye 8-22, Palmer 5-41, Kenney 3-3, Moriarty 3-10, Heard 6-37; Cincinnati, Brooks 9-30, Kinnebrew 20-67, Jennings 7-27, Esision 3-20.  
Passing—Kansas City, Kenney 19-39-0-229; Cincinnati, Esision 28-44-0-368.  
Receiving—Kansas City, Okoye 2-12, Carson 6-80, Hayes 1-11, Palmer 1-9, Heard 1-4, Paige 6-88, Moriarty 1-8, Marshall 1-17; Cincinnati, Holman 5-90, Collinsworth 6-80, Brooks 2-32, Jennings 6-56, Martin 3-36, Brown 4-57, McGee 1-8, Kinnebrew 1-9.  
Kickoff Returns—Kansas City, Palmer 2-35, Robinson 1-18, Moriarty 1-18, B. Colbert 1-13; Cincinnati, Bussey 1-8, Wright 5-95.  
Punt Returns—Kansas City, Clemons 3-6; Cincinnati, Martin 3-36, Horton 1-0.  
Interceptions—None.  
Punting—Kansas City, Goodburn 5-32-8; Cincinnati, Fulhage 4-35-5.  
Field Goals—Kansas City, Lowery 2-2; Cincinnati, Breech 3-4 (missed: 27).  
Sacks—Kansas City, Bell; Cincinnati, King, Bussey.

## Seahawks-Steelers

DECEMBER 6  
SCORE BY PERIODS

Seattle	3	6	0	0-9
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	7-13

## SCORING

Pittsburgh—Field goal Anderson 37, 5:53 1st.  
Seattle—Field goal N. Johnson 33, 13:13 1st.  
Seattle—Largent 12 pass from Krieg (pass failed), 7:13 2nd.  
Pittsburgh—Field goal Anderson 24, 14:41 2nd.  
Pittsburgh—Pollard 11 run (Anderson kick), 0:04 4th.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	Seattle	Pittsburgh
First downs	16	18
Rushes-Yards	38-135	44-209
Passing yards	80	99
Sacked-Yards lost	1-11	0-0
3rd down eff.	6-10	8-14
Passes	9-15-1	11-18-0
Punts	2-28-5	4-42-8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	7-63
Time of possession	29:02	30:58
Attendance	48,881	No-shows—10,119

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Seattle, Warner 22-69, J.L. Williams 13-61, Krieg 3-5; Pittsburgh, Pollard 22-106, Abercrombie 16-66, Stone 2-6, Malone 4-31.  
Passing—Seattle, Krieg 9-15-1-91; Pittsburgh, Malone 11-18-0-99.  
Receiving—Seattle, J.L. Williams 3-28, R. Butler 2-23, Largent 2-26, Skansi 1-7, Tice 1-7; Pittsburgh, Lee 1-4, Thompson 3-19, Lockett 1-19, Sweeney 2-16, Clinkscales 2-20, Carter 1-8, Pollard 1-13.  
Kickoff Returns—Seattle, Morris 3-23, Edmonds 2-37; Pittsburgh, Stone 2-37, Woodson 3-29.  
Punt Returns—Seattle, Edmonds 3-29.  
Interceptions—Pittsburgh, Hall 1-0.  
Punting—Seattle, Rodriguez 2-28-5; Pittsburgh, Newsome 4-42-8.  
Field Goals—Seattle, N. Johnson 1-1; Pittsburgh, Anderson 2-2.  
Sacks—Pittsburgh, Cole.

## Rams-Lions

DECEMBER 6  
SCORE BY PERIODS

Los Angeles Rams	3	7	10	17-37
Detroit	3	10	3	0-16

## SCORING

Detroit—Field goal Murray 53, 3:14 1st.  
Los Angeles—Field goal Lansford 48, 12:12 1st.  
Detroit—Field goal Murray 39, 0:16 2nd.  
Los Angeles—Francis 4 pass from Everett (Lansford kick), 2:53 2nd.  
Detroit—Mandley 3 pass from Long (Murray kick), 12:34 2nd.  
Los Angeles—White 1 run (Lansford kick), 5:20 3rd.  
Detroit—Field goal Murray 36, 12:20 3rd.  
Los Angeles—Field goal Lansford 47, 13:29 3rd.  
Los Angeles—Ellard 81 pass from Everett (Lansford kick), 0:13 4th.  
Los Angeles—Field goal Lansford 48, 12:48 4th.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	Los Angeles	Detroit
First downs	22	19
Rushes-Yards	36-110	17-57
Passing yards	313	271
Sacked-Yards lost	1-11	2-17
3rd down eff.	4-11	3-12
Passes	20-26-1	26-48-2
Punts	2-34	3-52-7
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-56	6-55
Time of possession	29:21	30:39
Attendance	33,143	No-shows—10,569

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Los Angeles, White 29-102, Francis 2-4, Guman 4-4, Everett 1-0; Detroit, Bernard 10-41, Jones 6-14, Paige 1-2.  
Passing—Los Angeles, Everett 20-26-1-324; Detroit, Long 26-48-2-288.  
Receiving—Los Angeles, Ellard 7-171, White 4-13, Ron Brown 3-93, Guman 2-21, Johnson 2-17, House 1-5, Francis 1-4; Detroit, Lee 7-69, Mandley 6-90, Jones 4-58, Rubick 4-34, Woolfolk 3-28, Bernard 2-9.  
Kickoff Returns—Los Angeles, Hicks 1-53, Ron Brown 2-24; Detroit, Ball 1-3, Woolfolk 3-51, Lee 1-26, Glover 1-19.  
Punt Returns—Los Angeles, Ellard 1-6, Hicks 1-7; Detroit, Mandley 1-0.  
Interceptions—Los Angeles, Gray 1-0, Ekern 1-7; Detroit, McNorton 1-0.  
Punting—Los Angeles, Hatcher 2-34-0; Detroit, Arnold 3-52-7.  
Field Goals—Los Angeles, Lansford 3-3; Detroit, Murray 3-4 (missed: 44).  
Sacks—Los Angeles, Jeter, Reed; Detroit, Green.

## Colts-Browns

DECEMBER 6  
SCORE BY PERIODS

Indianapolis	0	9	0	0-9
Cleveland	0	0	7	0-7

## SCORING

Indianapolis—Field goal Biasucci 33, 6:16 2nd.  
Indianapolis—Field goal Biasucci 37, 11:00 2nd.  
Indianapolis—Field goal Biasucci 42, 14:42 2nd.  
Cleveland—Brennan 19 pass from Kosar (Jaeger kick), 11:22 3rd.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	Indianapolis	Cleveland
First downs	18	15
Rushes-Yards	30-114	26-87
Passing yards	183	160
Sacked-Yards lost	1-9	3-18
3rd down eff.	2-12	4-14
Passes	20-34-0	16-35-0
Punts	7-38-7	8-32-5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	3-20	4-20
Time of possession	30:18	29:42
Attendance	70,661	No-shows—1,112

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Indianapolis, Dickerson 27-98, Bentley 3-16; Cleveland, Mack 16-62, Byner 6-19, Manoa 3-6, Kosar 1-1.  
Passing—Indianapolis, Trudeau 20-34-0-192; Cleveland, Kosar 16-35-0-178.  
Receiving—Indianapolis, Boyer 5-38, Bentley 4-39, Brooks 7-85, Bouza 4-30; Cleveland, Brennan 4-51, Slaughter 4-56, Byner 4-45, Mack 2-7, Newsome 1-11, Weathers 1-8.  
Kickoff Returns—Indianapolis, Bentley 2-46; Cleveland, Fontenot 2-27, Young 1-24, Manoa 1-13.  
Punt Returns—Indianapolis, Brooks 2-2; Cleveland, McNeil 4-20.  
Interceptions—None.  
Punting—Indianapolis, Stark 7-38-1; Cleveland, Winslow 8-32-5.  
Field Goals—Indianapolis, Biasucci 3-3; Cleveland,

## Jaeger 0-1 (missed: 38).

Sacks—Indianapolis, Cooks 2, Thompson; Cleveland, Puzzo.

## Redskins-Cardinals

DECEMBER 6  
SCORE BY PERIODS

Washington	10	0	21	3-34
St. Louis	0	14	3	0-17

## SCORING

Washington—Clark 84 pass from Schroeder (Haji-Sheikh kick), 11:22 1st.  
Washington—Field goal Haji-Sheikh 22, 13:22 1st.  
St. Louis—Mitchell 3 pass from Lomax (Gallery kick), 1:39 2nd.  
St. Louis—J.T. Smith 4 pass from Lomax (Gallery kick), 14:12 2nd.  
St. Louis—Field goal Gallery 48, 4:06 3rd.  
Washington—Schroeder 7 run (Haji-Sheikh kick), 8:49 3rd.  
Washington—Rogers 6 run (Haji-Sheikh kick), 10:32 3rd.  
Washington—Didier 19 pass from Schroeder (Haji-Sheikh kick), 14:37 3rd.  
Washington—Field goal Haji-Sheikh 40, 11:17 4th.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	Washington	St. Louis
First downs	18	21
Rushes-Yards	41-180	26-128
Passing yards	231	195
Sacked-Yards lost	1-4	5-46
3rd down eff.	5-14	5-16
Passes	13-25-1	21-39-0
Punts	4-42-3	6-42
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	4-51	10-85
Time of possession	31:05	28:55
Attendance	31,324	No-shows—5,757

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Washington, Rogers 30-134, Schroeder 8-27, Griffin 3-19; St. Louis, Mitchell 20-101, Wolfley 5-16, Lomax 1-11.  
Passing—Washington, Schroeder 13-25-1-235; St. Louis, Lomax 21-39-0-241.  
Receiving—Washington, Clark 5-130, Monk 3-23, Sanders 2-56, Griffin 2-7, Didier 1-19; St. Louis, Mitchell 2-28, J.T. Smith 7-65, Awall 3-32, Wolfley 2-13, Green 6-90, T. Johnson 1-13.  
Kickoff Returns—Washington, Branch 1-15, Griffin 3-56; St. Louis, Sikahema 4-90, Sargent 1-27, Holmes 1-25, McAdoo 1-9.  
Punt Returns—Washington, Yarber 4-36; St. Louis, Sikahema 2-4.  
Interceptions—St. Louis, Curtis 1-15.  
Punting—Washington, Cox 4-42-3; St. Louis, Horne 6-42-0.  
Field Goals—Washington, Haji-Sheikh 2-2; St. Louis, Gallery 1-3 (missed: 40, 39).  
Sacks—Washington, Kaufman, Butz, Coleman, Walton, Koch; St. Louis, Noga.

## Bills-Raiders

DECEMBER 6  
SCORE BY PERIODS

Buffalo	0	14	7	0-21
Los Angeles Raiders	10	3	14	7-34

## SCORING

Los Angeles—Jackson 14 pass from Wilson (Bahr kick), 9:25 1st.  
Los Angeles—Field goal Bahr 22, 13:45 1st.  
Buffalo—Harmon 8 run (Norwood kick), 6:16 2nd.  
Los Angeles—Field goal Bahr 33, 11:43 2nd.  
Buffalo—Rolle 3 pass from Kelly (Norwood kick), 13:44 2nd.  
Los Angeles—Lofton 41 pass from Wilson (Bahr kick), 1:34 3rd.  
Los Angeles—Allen 2 run (Bahr kick), 8:08 3rd.  
Buffalo—Harmon 8 run (Norwood kick), 10:23 3rd.  
Los Angeles—Williams 23 pass from Wilson (Bahr kick), 12:32 4th.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	Buffalo	Los Angeles
First downs	19	29
Rushes-Yards	21-84	40-144
Passing yards	303	350
Sacked-Yards lost	2-12	1-10
3rd down eff.	3-9	9-15
Passes	22-30-0	22-33-0
Punts	4-46-0	3-42-3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-25	2-25
Time of possession	25:12	34:48
Attendance	43,143	No-shows—8,957

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Buffalo, Harmon 8-37, Mueller 6-28, R. Porter 3-14, Byrum 1-4, Kelly 3-1; Los Angeles, Jackson 19-78, Allen 15-47, Mueller 2-10, Wilson 2-6, Strachan 1-2, Lofton 1-1.  
Passing—Buffalo, Kelly 22-36-0-315; Los Angeles, Wilson 21-32-0-337, Allen 1-0-23.  
Receiving—Buffalo, Reed 7-153, Burkett 6-66, Harmon 3-26, Metzelaars 2-33, R. Porter 2-28, Johnson 1-6, Rolle 1-3; Los Angeles, Lofton 6-132, Allen 5-58, Jackson 4-59, Christensen 3-62, Williams 2-36, Junkin 1-8, Mueller 1-5.  
Kickoff Returns—Buffalo, R. Porter 2-62, Tasker 1-16; Los Angeles, Williams 3-51.  
Punt Returns—Buffalo, Pitts 1-2; Los Angeles, Woods 3-13.  
Interceptions—None.  
Punting—Buffalo, Kidd 4-46-0; Los Angeles, Talley 3-42-3.  
Field Goals—Buffalo, None attempted; Los Angeles, Bahr 2-3 (missed: 44).  
Sacks—Buffalo, Bentley; Los Angeles, Martin 2.

## Chargers-Oilers

DECEMBER 6  
SCORE BY PERIODS

San Diego	0	5	6	7-18
Houston	10	10	7	6-33

## SCORING

Houston—Lyles 55 fumble return (Zendejas kick), 2:35 1st.  
Houston—Field goal Zendejas 48, 11:09 1st.  
Houston—Pinkett 4 run (Zendejas kick), 3:24 2nd.  
Houston—Field goal Zendejas 47, 8:00 2nd.  
San Diego—Safety, Williams tackled Moon in end zone, 10:07 2nd.

San Diego—Field goal Abbott 27, 14:56 2nd.  
Houston—Rozier 1 run (Zendejas kick), 4:57 3rd.  
San Diego—Winslow 6 pass from Fouts (kick failed), 9:40 3rd.  
Houston—Moon 3 run (kick failed), 1:40 4th.  
San Diego—Anderson 9 pass from Herrmann (Abbott kick), 14:34 4th.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	San Diego	Houston
First downs	19	21
Rushes-Yards	12-43	45-140
Passing yards	289	184
Sacked-Yards lost	5-49	1-2
3rd down eff.	2-13	3-14
Passes	28-48-0	13-25-1
Punts	8-44-0	7-42-4
Fumbles-Lost	4-4	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-75	12-104
Time of possession	24:32	35:28
Attendance	31,714	No-shows—5,241

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—San Diego, James 3-9, Adams 4-9, Bernstine 1-9, Spencer 4-16; Houston, Rozier 16-32, Pinkett 11-53, Highsmith 10-32, Valentine 2-5, Wallace 3-14, Moon 2-6, Pease 1-10.  
Passing—San Diego, Fouts 16-33-0-196, Herrmann 12-15-0-142; Houston, Moon 13-24-1-186, Pease 0-1-0-0.  
Receiving—San Diego, James 6-91, Winslow 4-25, Chandler 10-140, Anderson 3-36, Holohan 1-15, Redden 1-3, Spencer 3-28; Houston, D. Hill 4-45, Highsmith 1-11, Givins 5-93, J. Williams 2-37, Rozier 1-0.  
Kickoff Returns—San Diego, Kirk 1-0, Bernstine 1-13, Holland 5-103, James 1-20; Houston, Pinkett 3-56.  
Punt Returns—San Diego, James 6-74; Houston, Drewrey 2-9.  
Interceptions—San Diego, Glenn 1-15.  
Punting—San Diego, Mojsienko 8-44-0; Houston, Gossett 7-42-4.  
Field Goals—San Diego, Abbott 1-1; Houston, Zendejas 2-2.  
Sacks—San Diego, Williams; Houston, Meads 2, Bostic, Newsom, Lyles.

## Falcons-Cowboys

DECEMBER 6  
SCORE BY PERIODS

Atlanta	14	0	7	0-21
Dallas	3	7	0	0-10

## SCORING

Atlanta—Dixon 28 pass from Campbell (Luckhurst kick), 8:51 1st.  
Atlanta—Moore 20 fumble return (Luckhurst kick), 9:04 1st.  
Dallas—Field goal Ruzek 44, 13:08 1st.  
Dallas—Walker 1 run (Ruzek kick), 13:10 2nd.  
Atlanta—Campbell 1 run (Luckhurst kick), 4:12 3rd.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	Atlanta	Dallas
First downs	18	24
Rushes-Yards	32-111	27-91
Passing yards	253	263
Sacked-Yards lost	0-0	3-23
3rd down eff.	8-14	8-16
Passes	17-30-2	26-43-1
Punts	5-42-6	5-40-5
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-68	3-42
Time of possession	29:30	30:30
Attendance	40,103	No-shows—9,731

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Atlanta, Riggs 30-119, Campbell 1-1, Dixon 1-10; Dallas, Walker 15-35, Dorsett 7-33, Newsome 3-13, Pellier 1-11, Edwards 1-10.  
Passing—Atlanta, Campbell 17-30-2-253; Dallas, Pellier 18-31-0-203, D. White



## PRO FOOTBALL

## NFL STATISTICS

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\*Indicates December 7 participant

## AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Punt Returns—San Francisco, Taylor 1-9, McLe-  
more 1-10; Green Bay, Stanley 3-4.  
Interceptions—San Francisco, McKyer 1-0, Lott  
2-2; Green Bay, D. Brown 1-3.  
Punting—San Francisco, Runager 5-37.6; Green  
Bay, Bracken 4-35.3.  
Field Goals—San Francisco, Wersching 1-1; Green  
Bay, Zendejas 2-2.  
Sacks—San Francisco, Haley 2, Turner 2; Green  
Bay, E. Johnson, R. Brown.

## Buccaneers-Saints

DECEMBER 6

SCORE BY PERIODS

Tampa Bay..... 7 3 10 14-34  
New Orleans..... 14 14 10 6-44

## SCORING

New Orleans—Tice 8 pass from Hebert (Andersen  
kick), 3:41 1st.  
New Orleans—Tice 6 pass from Hebert (Andersen  
kick), 6:09 1st.  
Tampa Bay—Testaverde 1 run (Igwebuikie kick),  
12:29 1st.  
New Orleans—Mayes 7 run (Andersen kick), 4:04 2nd.  
New Orleans—Hilliard 3 run (Andersen kick), 7:20 2nd.  
Tampa Bay—Field goal Igwebuikie 37, 12:47 2nd.  
New Orleans—Field goal Andersen 40, 4:04 3rd.  
New Orleans—Mayes 2 run (Andersen kick), 6:49 3rd.  
Tampa Bay—Carrier 37 pass from Testaverde (Igwe-  
buikie kick), 9:40 3rd.  
Tampa Bay—Field goal Igwebuikie 43, 14:35 3rd.  
New Orleans—Field goal Andersen 24, 3:17 4th.  
Tampa Bay—Hill 12 pass from Testaverde (Igwebuikie  
kick), 5:11 4th.  
New Orleans—Field goal Andersen 32, 11:26 4th.  
Tampa Bay—Howard 2 run (Igwebuikie kick), 13:04  
4th.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	Tampa Bay	New Orleans
First downs.....	27	19
Rushes-Yards.....	22-97	37-117
Passing yards.....	352	248
Sacked-Yards lost.....	3-17	1-7
3rd down eff.....	6-14	6-13
Passes.....	22-47-2	16-24-0
Punts.....	3-41.0	4-44.8
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards.....	4-20	6-58
Time of possession.....	25:14	34:46
Attendance.....	66,471	No-shows—2,609.

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Tampa Bay, Smith 8.31, Wilder 6.30,  
Testaverde 5.19, Hill 1.9, Hunter 1.6, Howard 1.2;  
New Orleans, Mayes 21.55, Hilliard 16.62.  
Passing—Tampa Bay, Testaverde 22-47-2—369;  
New Orleans, Hebert 16-24-0—255.  
Receiving—Tampa Bay, Wilder 4-33, Carrier 8-  
212, Magee 1-6, Hill 5-73, Howard 1-8, Hall 1-12,  
Carter 2-25; New Orleans, Hill 3-27, Tice 2-14, Patti-  
son 2-51, Mayes 1-0, Hilliard 1-12, Jones 2-20, Ben-  
son 1-5, Word 2-25, Martin 2-101.  
Kickoff Returns—Tampa Bay, Futrell 3-81; New  
Orleans, Gray 3-73, Hilliard 2-47, Jordan 1-12.  
Punt Returns—Tampa Bay, Futrell 3-24; New Or-  
leans, Gray 2-130.  
Interceptions—New Orleans, Jackson 1-4, Waymer  
1-0.  
Punting—Tampa Bay, Garcia 3-41.0; New Orleans,  
Hansen 4-41.8.  
Field Goals—Tampa Bay, Igwebuikie 2-2; New Or-  
leans, Andersen 3-3.  
Sacks—Tampa Bay, Jarvis; New Orleans, Wilks,  
Swilling, Warren.

## Eagles-Giants

DECEMBER 6

SCORE BY PERIODS

Philadelphia..... 0 6 0 14 0-20  
New York Giants..... 7 0 6 7 3-23

## SCORING

New York—Bavaro 19 pass from Simms (Allegre kick),  
2:21 1st.  
Philadelphia—Field goal McFadden 41, 10:32 2nd.  
Philadelphia—Field goal McFadden 49, 15:00 2nd.  
New York—Field goal Allegre 20, 10:13 3rd.  
New York—Field goal Allegre 46, 11:52 3rd.  
New York—Baker 16 pass from Simms (Allegre kick),  
0:11 4th.  
Philadelphia—Jackson 36 pass from Cunningham  
(McFadden kick), 11:38 4th.  
Philadelphia—Giles 40 pass from Cunningham (McFad-  
den kick), 14:12 4th.  
New York—Allegre 28, 10:42 OT.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	Philadelphia	New York
First downs.....	15	15
Rushes-Yards.....	29-95	39-78
Passing yards.....	164	221
Sacked-Yards lost.....	9-63	4-24
3rd down eff.....	1-18	2-18
Passes.....	20-43-0	16-34-1
Punts.....	15-36.0	10-38.0
Fumbles-Lost.....	3-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards.....	9-76	9-60
Time of possession.....	36:12	34:30
Attendance.....	65,874	No-shows—11,075.

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Philadelphia, Toney 11-39, Cunningham  
3-20, Haddix 15-36; New York, Simms 4-5, Morris  
2-42, Adams 11-27, Galbreath 2-3, Rouson 1-1,  
Carthon 1-0.  
Passing—Philadelphia, Cunningham 20-43-0—227;  
New York, Simms 16-34-1—245.  
Receiving—Philadelphia, Carter 1-25, Toney 6-16,  
Quick 1-1, Haddix 2-31, Spagnola 1-8, Giles 5-78,  
Byars 1-7, Jackson 2-42, Garitty 1-19; New York,  
Bavaro 6-133, Morris 1-5, Adams 4-35, Galbreath 1-  
8, Carthon 1-9, Baker 2-25, Turner 1-30.  
Kickoff Returns—Philadelphia, Carter 5-123,  
Reeves 0-1, Morse 1-7; New York, Rouson 2-47, Dor-  
sey 1-13.  
Punt Returns—Philadelphia, Morse 4-28; New York,  
McConkey 9-112.  
Interceptions—Philadelphia, Hoage 1-3.  
Punting—Philadelphia, Tetschik 15-36.1; New  
York, Landeta 10-38.2.  
Field Goals—Philadelphia, McFadden 2-2; New  
York, Allegre 3-5 (missed: 31, 50).  
Sacks—Philadelphia, White 2, J. Brown, Joyner;  
New York, Banks 2½, Martin, T. Johnson, Howard ½,  
Collins ½, Marshall, Taylor 2, Lasker ½.

PASSING (Minimum of 144 Attempts)												
	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	Avg. Yd.	TD.	Pct.	Int.	Pct.	Points		
Kosar, Cleveland.....	295	182	61.7	2257	7.65	15	5.1	7	2.4	92.4		
Kelly, Buffalo.....	315	199	63.2	2352	7.47	16	5.1	8	2.5	92.2		
*Marino, Miami.....	278	166	59.7	1940	6.98	18	6.5	9	3.2	89.0		
Elway, Denver.....	317	178	56.2	2528	7.97	17	5.4	9	2.8	88.2		
*O'Brien, New York.....	242	150	62.0	1744	7.21	9	3.7	6	2.5	85.8		
Hogeboom, Indianapolis.....	168	99	58.9	1145	6.82	9	5.4	5	3.0	85.0		
Krieg, Seattle.....	203	121	59.6	1477	7.28	16	7.9	13	6.4	81.7		
Kenney, Kansas City.....	172	95	55.2	1321	7.68	10	5.8	8	4.7	80.1		
Esiason, Cincinnati.....	326	182	55.8	2520	7.73	12	3.7	13	4.0	76.5		
Fouts, San Diego.....	275	155	56.4	1926	7.00	9	3.3	11	4.0	72.5		
Moon, Houston.....	282	142	50.4	2028	7.19	17	6.0	15	5.3	71.9		
Malone, Pittsburgh.....	265	120	45.3	1425	5.38	6	2.3	14	5.3	47.8		

RECEIVING												
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.		No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.		No.	Yds.
Largent, Seattle.....	46	738	16.0	7	Palmer, Kansas City.....	32	732	22.9	1			
Reed, Buffalo.....	45	646	14.4	4	Mueller, Los Angeles.....	22	473	21.5	0			
Burkett, Buffalo.....	45	622	13.8	4	Edmonds, Seattle.....	19	390	20.5	0			
Byner, Cleveland.....	45	484	10.8	1	Stone, Pittsburgh.....	23	472	20.5	0			
Carson, Kansas City.....	42	723	17.2	5	G. Anderson, San Diego.....	16	316	19.8	0			
*Toon, New York.....	42	563	13.4	2	Duncan, Houston.....	28	546	19.5	0			
Givins, Houston.....	41	704	17.2	5	*Humphrey, New York.....	15	288	19.2	0			
Harmon, Buffalo.....	41	390	9.5	1	Starr, New England.....	20	381	19.1	0			
Morgan, New England.....	40	672	16.8	3	Pinkett, Houston.....	16	302	18.9	0			
V. Johnson, Denver.....	39	649	16.6	7	*Stradford, Miami.....	14	258	18.4	0			
Brooks, Indianapolis.....	36	531	14.8	2								
James, San Diego.....	36	297	8.3	3	Tippett, New England.....	11						
Collins, New England.....	35	669	19.1	4	Smith, Buffalo.....	8½						
D. Hill, Houston.....	35	476	13.6	2	F. Young, Seattle.....	7½						
E. Brown, Cincinnati.....	35	356	10.2	3	Bel, Kansas City.....	6½						
Winslow, San Diego.....	34	504	14.8	6	Hairston, Cleveland.....	6½						
Brennan, Cleveland.....	34	496	14.6	2	Townsend, Los Angeles.....	6½						
Christensen, Los Angeles.....	34	329	9.7	1	Bickett, Indianapolis.....	6						
*Stradford, Miami.....	32	388	12.1	2	J. Green, Seattle.....	6						
G. Anderson, San Diego.....	32	251	7.8	0	R. Jones, Denver.....	6						
Allen, Los Angeles.....	32			0	Williams, Cincinnati.....	6						

## TEAM STATISTICS

For rushing and passing, figure is average per game; for punt and kickoff returns, figure is average per return, and for sacks and turnovers, figure is season total. Figure in bold is conference-leading total.

PASSING												
	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	Avg. Yd.	TD.	Pct.	Int.	Pct.	Points		
Buffalo.....	123.4	138.3	211.3	211.5	4.9	5.0	0.9	1.5	8.3	5.1	24	30
Cincinnati.....	156.8	99.4	206.8	194.3	5.2	4.7	17.1	18.8	8.9	7.8	33	22
Cleveland.....	115.0	100.2	224.5	177.1	5.1	4.6	18.3	18.5	11.7	5.8	29	26
Denver.....	135.5	142.5	252.8	184.0	5.4	5.2	20.2	19.1	8.9	13.0	26	22
Houston.....	129.8	119.1	214.0	205.5	5.1	5.1	18.3	20.4	6.5	10.4	29	22
Indianapolis.....	144.8	118.1	192.9	186.9	5.2	4.6	20.3	18.4	5.5	10.0	31	18
Kansas City.....	113.8	161.1	157.3	214.4	4.6	5.4	19.4	23.4	11.9	10.8	19	41
L.A. Raiders.....	161.4	106.4	203.2	176.9	5.5	4.5	19.3	19.5	8.7	7.2	39	36
*Miami.....	116.7	151.0	235.5	215.5	5.3	5.4	17.5	18.2	9.7	5.9	12	11
New England.....	112.8	127.4	182.4	216.3	4.5	4.8	18.8	17.7	8.9	10.4	34	32
*N.Y. Jets.....	124.9	115.3	191.3	201.2	4.4	4.9	17.9	18.5	12.5	5.1	25	52
Pittsburgh.....	147.4	112.4	151.5	211.5	4.5	5.2	18.8	16.4	5.8	8.9	19	24
San Diego.....	91.0	149.3	219.8	196.0	5.0	5.1	18.8	19.6	12.1	8.3	40	30
Seattle.....	133.1	147.4	175.6	171.8	5.0	5.1	18.7	19.4	9.4	9.5	27	30

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

PASSING (Minimum of 144 Attempts)												
	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	Avg. Yd.	TD.	Pct.	Int.	Pct.	Points		
Montana, San Francisco.....	381	256	67.2	2900	7.61	29	7.6	13	3.4	100.9		
Lomax, St. Louis.....	350	208	59.4	2650	7.57	19	5.4	10	2.9	89.3		
McMahon, Chicago.....	210	125	59.5	1639	7.80	12	5.7	8	3.8	87.4		
DeBerg, Tampa Bay.....	275	159	57.8	1891	6.88	14	5.1	7	2.5	85.3		
Simms, New York.....	169	92	54.4	1374	8.13	11	6.5	8	4.7	83.3		
Wilson, Minnesota.....	198	103	52.0	1678	8.47	13	6.6	10	5.1	81.6		
Hebert, New Orleans.....	228	126	55.3	1621	7.11	11	4.8	8	3.5	79.2		
Cunningham, Philadelphia.....	316	166	52.5	2140	6.77	18	5.7	11	3.5	78.6		
Schroeder, Washington.....	186	88	47.3	1271	6.83	11	5.9	6	3.2	76.3		
D. White, Dallas.....	313	188	60.1	2258	7.21	10	3.2	16	5.1	71.5		
Everett, Los Angeles.....	254	137	53.9	1682	6.62	9	3.5	11	4.3	68.4		
Campbell, Atlanta.....	247	129	52.2	1673	6.77	11	4.5	13	5.3	66.7		
Long, Detroit.....	339	193	56.9	2093	6.17	9	2.7	15	4.4	65.7		
Wright, Green Bay.....	183	95	51.9	1184	6.47	6	3.3	9	4.9	62.7		

RECEIVING					TOTAL YARDS				
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.		Tot.	Rush.	Rec.	
J. Smith, St. Louis .....	71	921	13.0	6	White, Los Angeles .....	1172	1054	118	
Craig, San Francisco .....	61	455	7.5	1	Walker, Dallas .....	1159	602	557	
Rice, San Francisco .....	50	855	17.1	15	Craig, San Francisco .....	1094	639	455	
Mandley, Detroit .....	48	614	12.8	5	Anderson, Chicago .....	939	530	409	
Walker, Dallas .....	46	557	12.1	1	J. Smith, St. Louis .....	921	0	921	
Clark, Washington .....	39	774	19.8	6	Riggs, Atlanta .....	897	756	141	
Anderson, Chicago .....	39	409	10.5	3	Rice, San Francisco .....	893	38	855	
Wilder, Tampa Bay .....	39	321	8.2	1	Mayes, New Orleans .....	827	791	36	
Ellard, Los Angeles .....	38	603	15.9	2	Mitchell, St. Louis .....	791	478	313	
Monk, Washington .....	38	483	12.7	6	Carter, Minnesota .....	783	0	783	
Bavaro, New York .....	37	609	16.5	6	Clark, Washington .....	774	0	774	
Renfro, Dallas .....	35	519	14.8	3	Ferrell, St. Louis .....	774	512	262	
Quick, Philadelphia .....	34	530	15.6	8	Bryant, Washington .....	678	307	371	
Awalt, St. Louis .....	34	433	12.7	4	Wilder, Tampa Bay .....	670	349	321	
Bryant, Washington .....	34	371	10.9	5	Gault, Chicago .....	627	9	618	
Magee, Tampa Bay .....	33	416	12.6	3	Toney, Philadelphia .....	619	353	266	
Mitchell, St. Louis .....	33	313	9.5	2	Mandley, Detroit .....	614	0	614	
Martin, New Orleans .....	32	569	17.8	5	Bavaro, New York .....	609	0	609	
Carter, Minnesota .....	31	783	25.3	6	Ellard, Los Angeles .....	607	4	603	
Newsome, Dallas .....	31	249	8.0	2	D. Nelson, Minnesota .....	583	495	88	



## PRO FOOTBALL

## NFL NOTEBOOK

## NFC

## BEARS

Coach Mike Ditka let his feelings be known about domed stadiums before the Bears' December 6 game against the Vikings at the Metrodome. "Frankly, football shouldn't be played in domes," Ditka said. "They ought to be outlawed. Domes should be used for roller rinks." Vikings General Manager Mike Lynn responded by having the team's cheerleaders practice on roller skates and he sent a pair of skates to Ditka via Federal Express. Ditka was observed skating around team headquarters December 3. . . . Local real estate developers Judd Malkin and Neil Bluham recently offered \$17.5 million for team stock owned by two children of former club president George (Mugs) Halas Jr. Stephen and Christine Halas own 19.7 percent of the club's stock, but they are opposed to the sale.

Each Monday, the Chicago Sun-Times publishes a profile of a Bears player, who answers questions, many of which are not related to football. Asked what was the most irrational thing he'd ever done, rookie wide receiver Ron Morris said, "In fifth grade I poured gas on a bumble bee hive and then put a match on it. They had to call the fire department to put it out." Asked about the worst time of his life, Morris said, "After I set that bee hive on fire. My mom blistered me."

## BUCCANEERS

Nathan Wonsley, the running back whose career ended because of a broken neck he suffered in the 1986 season, said he hadn't given up hope of playing football again. Wonsley was advised by the Bucs' team physicians to retire. "I can't be definite about it, one way or another," he said. "But if there's any way I can still play football, I think I would try. The news I heard (about not playing) was not what I wanted to hear." . . . Tackle Marvin Powell underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee December 2. He suffered a broken bone in the same knee early in the 1986 season.

Rookie defensive lineman Curt Jarvis started at right end November 29 against the Rams. A seventh-round pick, Jarvis had been on injured reserve since hurting his knee early in training camp and had spent game days helping the team film games from the press box. "When I was in the press box, I wished I was on the field," Jarvis said. "But right before the (Rams) game started, I was so nervous I felt sick. I wanted to be back in the press box." He had two sacks and five tackles in the game. . . . Rookie running back Don Smith has decided to undergo back surgery for a herniated disc. Smith injured his back lifting weights while rehabilitating a fractured fibula.

## CARDINALS

Through 11 games, Neil Lomax led NFL quarterbacks in passing yards (301) and touchdown passes (2.1) per game. "I'm tired of hearing about the new Neil Lomax," he said. "The only thing I did differently this year is play less golf in the off-season. What's different is

the line is giving me some time to throw and I've got good people to throw to. I've never had so many fine receivers to work with. These guys know how to get open and it makes my job easier." . . . The offense suffered a blow when fullback Earl Ferrell was lost for the season with a minor tear of a ligament in his left knee. Ferrell had rushed for 512 yards, scored seven touchdowns and caught 23 passes for an 11.4-yard average before he was injured November 29 against Atlanta. He was replaced by Ron Wolfley, but the Cardinals were expected to experiment with a one-back, two-tight end formation when tight end Jay Novacek returned from an injury.

Tailback Stump Mitchell was averaging just 3.4 yards per carry through 11 games and hadn't had a 100-yard game in his last 21 games. Rookie Derrick McAdoo was expected to get additional playing time. . . . Defensive end David Galloway, sidelined since suffering a broken forearm August 10, returned to practice in the first week of December.

## COWBOYS

Having fulfilled a 30-day suspension, safety Victor Scott returned to the team November 30 and said he would file a grievance against the club to recover his lost salary. Several sources said Scott had been sent to a drug clinic in Pennsylvania to be tested for a possible chemical dependency. Denying he had a drug problem, Scott said, "My name will be cleared and I will be vindicated." . . . Coach Tom Landry said running back Tony Dorsett may not fit into the team's plans next season. "Right now, the tailback position belongs to Herschel Walker," Landry said. "As much as I respect Tony, and all of the things he's done for this team, we will have to make a decision about him at the end of the season." . . . Landry, who signed a three-year contract before the season, said he has not considered retiring because of the team's struggles. "I am committed to three years to help rebuild this team," he said. "Everybody wants it rebuilt right now, but you can't do it that soon."

Wide receiver Mike Renfro was dropping hints that he will retire after this season. . . . Landry said quarterback Danny White will need off-season wrist surgery. "I think Danny's whole future would have to rest on his wrist," said the coach. "He can throw well 90 percent of the time. But the other 10 percent is killing him because of the interceptions and fumbles." . . . Tom Rafferty and George Lilja were splitting time at center with Lilja playing on first-and-10 and run situations and Rafferty playing on passing downs. . . . After eight games in 1986, the Cowboys were 6-2. Since then, through 11 games this season, the club's regulars were 4-12.

## EAGLES

Coach Buddy Ryan juggled his backfield with great results November 29 against New England. Anthony Toney moved from fullback to halfback and responded with 123 yards, the first 100-yard game of his two-year career. Michael Haddix moved into the start-

ing lineup at fullback and helped hold Pats' linebacker Andre Tippett without a sack. The odd man out was Keith Byars, a starter for five straight games, who did not play against New England and was scheduled to begin the December 6 game against the New York Giants on the bench. "Keith Byars is going to be a great player," Ryan told reporters who asked about the status of the team's 1986 No. 1 draft pick. "He's a franchise back, and you all are going to be eating your words just like you did when you said Toney was no good."

Ryan said kicker Paul McFadden would have been "on the unemployment line" if he had missed a 38-yard field goal in overtime that gave the Eagles a 34-31 victory over New England. Earlier in overtime, McFadden had missed a 39-yard attempt. . . . After New England's Tom Ramsey passed for 402 yards, the Eagles were ranked last in the league in pass defense. Right cornerback Elbert Foulkes was benched and William Frizzell was elevated to the starting lineup. . . . No. 1 draft pick Jerome Brown, a defensive tackle, has been hampered by an injured right elbow and played only in goal-line situations against New England.

## FALCONS

Rookie Chris Miller, who hadn't played since getting increased practice time as the No. 2 quarterback, admitted he was "getting antsy." Miller said, "I want to get in there and get a feel for the NFL. I know that going into training camp next year would be a lot easier if I know what it's like." . . . Coach Marion Campbell has always been a backer of the 3-4 defense, but the Falcons switched to a 4-3 alignment November 22 against Minnesota because of injuries to linebackers. There was some improvement in the pass rush, although the Falcons had just 12 sacks—five by the regulars—after 11 games. Replacement Buddy Moor, now a plumber in Lexington, Ky., was still the individual leader with four.

Linebacker Aaron Brown was being treated with medication since suffering a seizure during a team meeting November 25. The club would not reveal the reason for the seizure. . . . The Falcons had had six-game losing streaks in three of the last four seasons—1984, '85 and '87. . . . The team will remain on the West Coast after a December 13 game in Anaheim against the Rams and prepare for a December 20 contest in San Francisco. That game originally was scheduled to be played in San Francisco on October 11, but was switched to Atlanta because of a baseball playoff game in San Francisco. The Falcons will practice at the Los Angeles Raiders' training camp site in Oxnard, Calif.

## 49ERS

Linebacker Todd Shell, sidelined in the final exhibition game because of a torn knee ligament, played one down against Tampa Bay November 22 and registered a sack. Coach Bill Walsh said Shell was ready for more extensive playing time. . . . Cornerback Don Griffin hadn't allowed a touchdown pass in a full year. . . . Tight end John Frank had a career-high six

receptions against Cleveland November 29. Frank was the third different player to start at tight end this season.

When wide receiver Dwight Clark caught his 500th career pass against the Browns, he brought the ball to the sideline. On the next play, Clark caught a 40-yard touchdown pass which made him the team's all-time leader in reception yardage with 6,681. He surpassed Gene Washington, who had 6,664. . . . Owner Edward DeBartolo Jr. decided not to proceed with construction of 24 new luxury boxes because of the effect on 750 season-ticket holders. It was first thought only about 150 people would be affected. The decision will cost the team more than \$1.2 million a year in potential revenue.

## GIANTS

In 1986, the Giants were 15-1 in games they led entering the fourth quarter. Through 11 games this season, their record was 2-4. In losses to Dallas, New Orleans and Washington, the Giants were outscored by a combined 43-0 in the final minutes. "We're just not getting the same production we had from the offensive line," Coach Bill Parcells said. "I don't think we've been as physical as we were in 1986. I don't think we've been as mentally strong." . . . Linebacker Lawrence Taylor had played 173 consecutive games dating back to high school before missing the November 29 game against Washington because of a pulled hamstring.

In a November 30 team meeting, Parcells refuted a rumor that had him heading to the Raiders as coach. Said linebacker Harry Carson, "He spoke with us today and assured us that he would be with us next year." . . . With wide receiver Stacy Robinson sidelined by a hairline fracture of the leg, third-round draft pick Stephen Baker was getting extensive playing time. However, first-round pick Mark Ingram had just one catch after 11 games. . . . Nose tackle Jim Burt was again experiencing problems with a chronic back injury.

## LIONS

Safety William Graham, the team's leading tackler in 1985, was cut December 2. Graham, who hadn't been a starter since '85, had not been activated since the end of the strike. "He got tackled because a whole lot of guys broke through to the free safety," said Coach Darryl Rogers. In the three-year span of 1983-85, Graham started 43 games, but only had six interceptions. . . . Safety Devon Mitchell, who suffered a preseason knee injury, was walking without crutches.

With Eddie Murray mired in the first slump of his career, the Lions looked at former Packers kicker Al Del Greco. Murray had hit just seven of 17 field-goal attempts from 30 yards and beyond. If Del Greco isn't signed this year, he'll definitely be invited back to camp next season. Rogers said that in previous years good kickers wouldn't come to camp in Detroit because of Murray's presence. Due to his year-long slump, Murray should have some competition next season.

## PACKERS

Coach Forrest Gregg believes his players were timid against the

Bears November 29 in the aftermath of last season's incident when Charles Martin body-slammed Bears quarterback Jim McMahon. "Our defense was criticized so severely after that game last year that I think it really had an effect on them," said Gregg. "I think they were so afraid they were going to offend somebody, they really played cautious. They were all gentlemen and nice guys. Unfortunately, that don't get it done in most cases." . . . Gregg also had harsh words for his kick returners, saying, "We look like the Keystone Cops back there handling the football." . . . Kicker Max Zendejas made just one of four field-goal attempts against Chicago after competitor Al Del Greco was released.

Gregg on the persistent shoulder problems of quarterback Robbie Bosco: "I don't know whether he will ever play again or not." . . . In late November, the Packers' wives held their 11th annual fashion show to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The show grossed only between \$4,000 and \$5,000, and after expenses it was expected to be an all-time low. Last year's event raised an all-time high of \$12,000. Shari Dorsey, wife of linebacker John Dorsey, believes the players' strike was the reason attendance was only 350 compared to crowds of 900 in the past. . . . Since joining the Packers in October 1984, tackle Keith Uecker had missed 29 of a possible 45 regular-season games because of injuries.

## RAMS

Running back Owen Gill, who came to the team from Buffalo in the Eric Dickerson trade, was released. Gill played just one game on special teams. "Our feeling was we just weren't going to be able to use him right now," said Rams Coach John Robinson. "He's somewhere between a running back and a fullback, and he's got to have a training camp to find out which one he really is." Robinson said Gill's release had nothing to do with a possible switch of defensive end Donald Evans to fullback. Of Evans, Robinson said, "I'm convinced Donald is not going to be a defensive end. I'm not sure if it's (going to be) inside linebacker, fullback or maybe a nose (tackle). This winter, we will make an arbitrary decision."

Running back Charles White dismissed the notion that he was competing against Dickerson for the league rushing title. "You guys are making something out of nothing," White told reporters. "I'm just playing football. I'm not worrying about who's doing what on the other end." After 11 games, White led the NFL with 952 rushing yards and Dickerson was first in the AFC with 860. . . . During a three-game winning streak through November 29, quarterback Jim Everett threw four touchdown passes and just one interception. His passer rating rose from 50.5 to 61.7 during that span.

## REDSKINS

Quarterback Jay Schroeder regained his starting job after throwing three touchdown passes in the final 17 minutes of the Redskins' 23-19 victory over the Giants November 29. Doug Williams, who couldn't start the game because of (Continued on Page 28, Column 1)



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a sore lower back, was choked with emotion when speaking to reporters after hearing of the change. "Football is a short stop," Williams said. "There's a lot of things you go through. You've just got to deal with it." This is the sixth time the Redskins have changed quarterbacks this season due to injuries, poor play or the strike. . . . Running back George Rogers, who carried only two times for six yards against the Giants, had not fallen into disfavor with the team, his coaches said. But he had "lost a step," according to running backs coach Don Breaux. "And then if you lose a step, you've got to rely on your quickness," Breaux said. "And I think his quickness has been hampered somewhat, in fairness to George, by the three injuries he's had this year."

Former Redskins quarterback Joe Theismann said he has gotten "a kick out of listening to some of the veterans remark about the replacement team. If I was a veteran on the Redskins today, I'd go out and send a Christmas present to the replacements. Not a Christmas card, but a Christmas present." The Redskins were three games up on the rest of the NFC East due in part to the replacement team going 3-0.

## SAINTS

Cornerback Dave Waymer, whose interception against Pittsburgh November 29 clinched the team's eighth victory of the season and assured the Saints of their first winning record ever, wept in the locker room after the game. "It was a long time coming," Waymer said. Tackle Stan Brock, who played with Waymer during the 1-15 season in 1980, said, "This is the strangest feeling." . . . The club's five-game winning streak through November 29 began on November 1, the franchise's 21st birthday. New Orleans was awarded a franchise in 1966 on November 1, which is All Saints Day.

Defensive back Reggie Sutton, who tested positive for marijuana at a 1986 mini-camp and missed the entire '86 season, went on reserve for a non-football illness on Thanksgiving Day. The Saints would say only that Sutton's problem was "health related." At the time, Sutton led the team in interceptions with five. He was replaced in the nickel defense by Milton Mack and Toi Cook. Coach Jim Mora said there was a chance Sutton could return to play this season.

## VIKINGS

Despite a slumping kicking game, the Vikings had won four games in a row prior to a December 6 game against Chicago. "Our kicking game is certainly cause for alarm," Coach Jerry Burns said. Chuck Nelson had missed six of 11 field-goal attempts, including a 46-yard potential game-winner with nine seconds left in regulation against Dallas on Thanksgiving. Punter Greg Coleman's average had dipped below 40 yards and his hang time also had fallen. . . . Running back Darrin Nelson and wide receiver Anthony Carter had the highest averages in rushing and receiving, respectively, in the NFC through November 29. Nelson had gained 5.9 yards every time he carried the ball and Carter had gained 24.2 yards per reception. "That's

two first downs every time he gets his hands on the ball," Chicago Coach Mike Ditka said.

Center Dennis Swilley said he might retire if his modernistic furniture design business takes off in the off-season. Swilley, who broke his leg and missed the end of his 10th season, has been invited to speak at a prestigious Dallas furniture show in January.

## AFC

## BENGALS

For the second straight season, the Bengals have had four placement kicks blocked. In addition to having three field-goal attempts and one extra point blocked, one field goal and one extra point were deflected but made it through the uprights. . . . Tim McGee, who tied for fourth in the league with a 23.4-yard average on kickoff returns last season, was replaced after averaging just 16.1 yards this season. He lost his job to Dana Wright, a replacement player. . . . In 1986, the Bengals scored 30 or more points seven times and at least 21 points 12 times. Through 11 games this season, they had not scored 30 points once and had reached 21 just three times.

Running back James Brooks and center Dave Rimington missed most of four games with ankle injuries. Guard Max Montoya missed two games with back spasms. . . . Wide receiver Cris Collinsworth returned November 29 against the Jets after missing two games with injured ribs, but was used only as a decoy. It marked only the second time in the 96 games Collinsworth had played that he failed to catch a pass.

## BILLS

Defensive end Bruce Smith escaped injury when his Mercedes Benz struck a guard rail on the New York Thruway in West Seneca. Smith was traveling alone in the car about 2 a.m. December 2 when he swerved to avoid a deer. No charges were filed. "I guess the Lord was on my side," Smith said. . . . Coach Marv Levy said running back Robb Riddick may be recovered from his broken collarbone in time to play in the final game of the regular season, December 26, against Philadelphia. Riddick insists he will be ready to return two weeks before that.

Levy agreed that quarterback Jim Kelly had his best all-around game (15 of 21 passing with two touchdown passes and no interceptions) in a 27-0 victory over Miami on November 29. "Jim Kelly doesn't get enough credit, which seems like a funny thing to say," said Levy. "I don't think there's anybody who's a better quarterback. He has it all. He has three great skills. He's now reading defenses superbly. He's very tough, very unselfish. He wants to win. He's a quarterback who's exactly right for the kind of football team we want to have." . . . Rookie Shane Conlan led the Bills in tackles in the first three games since his switch from outside to inside linebacker. "I thought Shane was better suited to inside," Levy said. "I have to admit I didn't realize how much better."

## BRONCOS

During the strike, Coach Dan Reeves was so frustrated he talked about getting out of coaching.

"They caught me on a bad day," Reeves said. "When I made those statements, I really was as low as I had been in a long time." When Reeves coached his 100th game against San Diego November 29, it meant he had coached exactly 25 percent of the franchise's 400 games. . . . Wide receiver Steve Watson, out with cracked ribs, might return before the end of the season. . . . Free safety Tony Lilly was recently benched and replaced by right cornerback Mike Harden. Steve Wilson took Harden's spot. The move left right inside linebacker Ricky Hunley as the only defensive player who had not switched positions or been moved out of the lineup since last January's Super Bowl.

Quarterback John Elway on the nickname given wide receivers Vance Johnson, Mark Jackson and Ricky Nattiel: "The Three Amigos just kind of popped into my head one day. We used to call Vance and Mark the Bobbsey Twins, but when Ricky came here, we had to rename them."

## BROWNS

San Francisco Coach Bill Walsh often spends the week before a game building up the 49ers' opponent. Before the November 29 game against the Browns, Walsh wondered "how we're going to get a man open." After the 49ers won, 38-24, Browns cornerback Hanford Dixon said, "I think Walsh set us up. I think his psychology had an effect on us." . . . The Browns are 1-6 in their last seven games on the West Coast and have a December 20 contest in Los Angeles against the Raiders. . . . Rookie running back Tim Manoa was fined after he overslept and missed the team plane to San Francisco.

There have been recent problems with snapper Frank Winters on placements. However, Coach Marty Schottenheimer planned no changes. "When you overreact to something like that, you make it worse," Schottenheimer said. . . . Wide receiver Webster Slaughter's mother, who lives 50 miles from San Francisco, saw her son play against the 49ers. She saw him play three times in 1986—his rookie season—against Chicago, Green Bay and the Raiders. The Browns lost all three games. . . . The loss to the 49ers marked the first time this season that the Browns' offense had failed to score in the second half.

## CHARGERS

In their last 10 quarters of play through November 29, the Chargers had been outscored, 79-17, and outgained in yardage, 1,227 yards to 622. The opposition in the last two games had controlled the ball for 83 minutes, while the Chargers had had it for 37 minutes. . . . The defense had dropped from 12th in the league to 22nd in two weeks. . . . Broderick Thompson was moved into Gary Kowalski's starting right tackle spot and replacement player Joe Phillips started at right defensive end in place of injured Les Miller, also a replacement player.

Injured linebacker Steve Busick, eager to come off injured reserve and play against his former Bronco teammates on November 29, was told his knee needed more time to heal. "I'm frustrated," said Busick. "I want to play badly, but I want to play twice as badly against the Broncos." . . . Safety Jeff Dale, who

avoided back surgery at the last minute in favor of therapy, began working out with the Chargers. . . . Rookie defensive back Lou Brock, a disappointment as a No. 2 draft choice, had added 10 pounds and may come off injured reserve soon. . . . Tight end Kellen Winslow was irritated. "I'm sick and tired of getting beat up," he said. "I run down the field and have my face mask grabbed and people just run straight up and take potshots at me, and officials are not calling it. It's getting out of hand; it's getting unnerving. I'm just free bait."

## CHIEFS

When Nick Lowery kicked field goals of 52 and 54 yards against the Lions on Thanksgiving Day, he took sole possession of second place on the NFL's all-time list in career 50-yard field goals. Lowery has kicked 14 field goals of 50 yards or more in eight NFL seasons, leaving him three short of the record held by another former Chief, Jan Stenerud. The Detroit game was the third time in his career that Lowery had kicked two 50-yarders in one game. That's an NFL record. . . . When Jonathan Hayes and Paul Coffman both caught touchdown passes for the Chiefs in the 27-20 victory over the Lions, it marked the first two-touchdown game by Kansas City tight ends since October 3, 1977, when Walter White scored twice against the Raiders.

The Chiefs, who blocked seven kicks last season and returned three of them for touchdowns, had not blocked a kick in the first eight non-strike games. . . . Barring injury, Bill Kenney was to be the starting quarterback for the rest of the season. . . . Safety Deron Cherry was lost for the rest of the season after suffering a knee injury against the Lions. . . . Here's what the Kansas City P.A. announcer said the week before the Chiefs' November 22 game against Green Bay: "Come to Arrowhead Stadium next Sunday and see the Chiefs play the Packers in a rematch of Super Bowl I." Super Bowl I was played almost 21 years ago.

## COLTS

When quarterback Gary Hogeboom suffered a dislocated shoulder against Houston November 29, it was his fourth major injury in the last 14 months and his third in the last three months. He had missed 17 of the first 28 regular-season games since being traded to the Colts from Dallas in April 1986. New starter Jack Trudeau has a theory on Hogeboom's frequent injuries. "I learned way back in high school that the best thing you can do after you release the ball is relax, become like jelly," said Trudeau. "Gary's a very intense individual in everything he does. He's so rigid, maybe that's why he gets hurt a lot. Or maybe he's just having a string of bad luck."

Instead of re-signing Blair Kiel, who had criticized Coach Ron Meyer after he was released November 24, the Colts signed Terry Nugent as a backup quarterback. Nugent, who had played for the Colts' replacement team, recently led his flag football team to a state championship in Colorado. . . . Running back Randy McMillan, rehabbing his fractured leg, met with Meyer and was told he was in the

team's plans for next season—as a blocking back for Eric Dickerson. "It might be all the better for me," McMillan said. "I do like to hit people. I like to see a guy's face after you punish him."

## DOLPHINS

As tough as it's been lately for the Dolphins, rookie running back Troy Stradford has been reminded of priorities. His father, Edwin, had triple-bypass heart surgery on December 1. "It's tough," Stradford said. "You try not to think of the worst, but it crosses your mind. It's a scary situation. I think I get strength from my father. He was taking this as nothing, he was going to be in and out. I think I have the same attitude." . . . Quarterback Dan Marino had a 107.0 passer ranking in his first five games of the season. In the next three, it was only 57.5.

The Dolphins moved rookie linebacker Rick Graf, their No. 2 draft pick, into the lineup ahead of veteran Bob Brudzinski. "How do you think I feel about it?" Brudzinski said. "I'm not very happy about it, but they said they want to go with new blood, and I understand that. But I'm not finished. I can still play. The kid is going to do well, and I'll help him any way I can." . . . Rookie tackle Chris Conlin suffered a serious injury to his left knee in practice. . . . The Dolphins relaxed their rules against banners in Joe Robbie Stadium. Owner Joe Robbie said he also asked stadium personnel to soften their stance on other rules, citing the seizure of a salami sandwich by one "overzealous employee." . . . The Dolphins' 23 yards rushing in a 27-0 loss to the Bills November 29 tied the franchise's lowest total for a game. The other time was September 24, 1967, at Kansas City.

## JETS

Rookie fullback Roger Vick, who had looked tentative in his first two games after the strike, rushed for 62 yards on nine carries against the Bengals November 29. "That guy can motor," running back Freeman McNeil said. "When he takes a step, he can cover three yards." . . . Coach Joe Walton and Jimmy (The Greek) Snyder have had a running verbal battle since last season, when The Greek called Walton one of the worst coaches in the NFL. Asked if he placed much stock in the CBS analyst's predictions, Walton said, "The only thing I'd believe is if he told me how to tell if cards are marked."

After undergoing reconstructive knee surgery last December, right tackle Reggie McElroy started and played the entire game against the Bengals, even though he tired near the end. McElroy's size (6-6, 270 pounds) added beef to a small line and allowed Dan Alexander to move back to his usual right guard spot. "The line is back together," McElroy said. . . . Since Larry Pasquale took over as special teams coach in 1981, the Jets have never allowed a successful fake on a punt or field goal during the regular season. This season, JoJo Townsell had a 91-yard punt return for a touchdown and Rich Miano returned a blocked field-goal attempt 67 yards for the winning touchdown in a 27-20 triumph over the Bengals.

## OILERS

Giving up 91 points in consec-



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tive losses to the Browns and Colts was enough to make Coach Jerry Glanville ill. Glanville really was sick one morning after suffering a reaction from mixing two cough medicines. "I was down for the count," he said. "I thought about dying, but people would think I'd committed suicide." . . . When the Oilers lost, 51-27, to the Colts November 29, it was the most points they had surrendered since 1983. Glanville refused to shake hands with Colts Coach Ron Meyer after the game. Glanville and many of his players thought Meyer had tried to run up the score when the Colts ran for their final touchdown with six seconds remaining. "Players on the team asked me not to shake his hand when the game was over," Glanville said. "Ernest Givins begged me not to speak to him. I think a whole lot more of Ernie Givins than I do of Ron Meyer today, so I honored his wishes." Meyer apologized after the game, saying he was trying to wave off the two-yard TD run by George Wonsley. "Every man has to live with himself," Glanville said.

The Oilers waived punter Lee Johnson, who also kicked off and held for kicker Tony Zendejas. They signed Jeff Gossett, who had been waived by Cleveland. Gossett became the holder for Zendejas, who started kicking off for the first time in his Oilers career.

## PATRIOTS

Tackle Steve Moore practiced for the first time December 2 since injuring his ankle November 8 against the Giants. "It didn't go well," Moore said. "There are bone chips in there and right now I couldn't even play golf, never mind try to stop a 275-pound defensive lineman." He went on injured reserve the next day. . . . Rookie Danny Villa replaced Moore at left tackle and then did the snapping when center Guy Morriss broke his hand against the Eagles November 29. . . . Guard Sean Farrell was still bothered by a shoulder injury. . . . Wide receiver Irving Fryar had been lining up as a running back in certain formations. "We just want him involved in the offense more than he has been," Coach Raymond Berry said.

Former offensive lineman John Hannah said problems with the running game were directional because virtually all of the plays had been sweeps or off-tackle runs. "You're not going to run the ball effectively to the outside until you prove to a defense that you can run inside," Hannah said. "You've got to be balanced." . . . The Patriots apparently soured on tight end Greg Baty after he asked for his

roster bonus early during the players' strike, which began at midnight on September 21. The team said those bonuses are paid in October, when Baty was paid a similar bonus last season. Baty, who filed a grievance over the dispute, was released on November 12.

## RAIDERS

Running back Marcus Allen became the team's all-time leading rusher when he gained 76 yards in a 37-14 victory over Seattle November 30. Through 11 games this season, Allen had gained 5,934 yards in his six-year NFL career, surpassing Mark van Eeghen's total of 5,907. . . . Former Raiders guard Gene Upshaw received his Pro Football Hall of Fame ring in a special ceremony before the Raiders played Buffalo at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on December 6.

The Raiders' regulars used five different offensive line combinations in their first eight games. . . . Before a recent game with San Diego, linebacker Linden King, who was released by the Chargers on July 25, 1986, sounded off on San Diego Owner Alex Spanos. "Any grudge I have is against Spanos," King said. "You had a guy at the top making decisions on football, which he knew nothing about. He has enough money to buy the space shuttle, but if he did, I know one thing—I wouldn't ride on it."

## SEAHAWKS

During a 16-game stretch from November 1986 through November 29 this season, the Seahawks had played only one game in which the margin of victory was fewer than 10 points. Four times during that period, they lost by 20 or more points. Said defensive end Jeff Bryant, "We've got to learn how not to let things get blown out of proportion when somebody does something big on us, like a big run or something." . . . Coach Chuck Knox on the club's yo-yo like performances: "I can't think of ever having a team where it is so extreme from one game to another." . . . Cornerback Kerry Justin was to be on crutches for 10 weeks following reconstructive knee surgery.

Linebacker Bruce Scholtz recovered a week ahead of schedule from an ankle injury. . . . Kingdom officials were investigating an incident in which a seagull with colorful streamers attached to its feet was smuggled into the stadium during the November 30 game against the Raiders. The bird could not be removed for several days. . . . Wide receiver Paul Skansi was blasted four times in games against the Chargers and Raiders, but held on to passes. "It's like I've got a bulls-eye on me," he said.

## STEELERS

In a 20-16 loss to New Orleans November 29, the Steelers wasted a timeout in the final two minutes when free-agent defensive lineman Lorenzo Freeman, in just his second game, did not go on the field when the coaches called for the short-yardage defense after the Steelers' offense had been stopped

at the Houston one. Freeman said he stood right behind defensive line coach Joe Greene and didn't hear the defense called, but Coach Chuck Noll said the coaches screamed "many times" for the goal-line defense and Freeman knew he was on it, but "apparently there were earmuffs on."

Linebacker Mike Merriweather,

a Pro Bowler the past three years, is having his best year since his 15-sack season in 1984. After the regulars' first eight games, he led the team in sacks (5½) and forced fumbles (three), was tied for first in fumbles recovered (two) and passes defended (nine), was second in tackles (46) and also had two interceptions.



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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Tim Brown is Notre Dame's seventh Heisman winner.

## A Heisman Landslide

NEW YORK—Tim Brown's anxiety was unwarranted. The Notre Dame flanker was a runaway winner in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy, awarded December 5 at the Downtown Athletic Club.

Although there had been speculation that Syracuse quarterback Don McPherson may have overtaken Brown at the last moment, Brown won by a comfortable margin of 611 points.

A total of 1,050 Heisman ballots were mailed out, with 175 voters in each of six regions in the country. Brown received 324 first-place votes, 173 for second place and 124 for third. With points awarded on a 3-2-1 basis, Brown's total was 1,442 points. McPherson got 167 first-place votes, 135 for second and 60 for third, a total of 831 points.

"When it was announced, I wanted to cry," Brown said. "No longer did I have to worry about what people would say. No question Notre Dame helped, but I'm not going to apologize for going there."

Gordy Lockbaum, the two-way star for Holy Cross, was third with 657 points. Michigan State running back Lorenzo White drew 632 for fourth and Pittsburgh running back Craig (Iron Head) Heyward was fifth with 170.

McPherson displayed a mask of Heyward during the CBS telecast of the award presentation, then used it to escape a media barrage at the conclusion of the ceremony. "Nobody remembers who finishes No. 2, but I'm very pleased," McPherson said. "I wasn't even a Heisman candidate until the Penn State game (the sixth game of the season, in which he passed for three touchdowns and ran for two)."

## TSN Race Is Close

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Tim Brown is the first pure wide receiver and the fifth Notre Dame player to be named THE SPORTING NEWS College Football Player of the Year, and he is the first Irish athlete since halfback Johnny Lattner in 1953 to receive the award.

Brown was chosen in a tight race over Syracuse quarterback Don McPherson, according to Associate Editor John Hadley, who coordinates TSN's player-of-the-year selection. Finishing third was Pittsburgh running back Craig Heyward, followed by Florida freshman running back Emmitt Smith and Syracuse nose tackle Ted Gregory.

"It was close (between Brown and McPherson)," said Hadley. "There is no doubt that playing at Notre Dame helped Brown (in terms of exposure), but it didn't do a thing for him on the field. He was playing against the toughest schedule every week, against teams that were sky high to stop both him and Notre Dame, and only one team did, Miami. And he really stopped himself in that game."

McPherson finished the regu-

lar season with 2,341 passing yards, 22 touchdown passes, 11 interceptions and a completion percentage of .583. Miami quarterback Vinny Testaverde won the 1986 Heisman with 2,557 passing yards, 26 TD passes, nine interceptions, and a completion percentage of .634.

The first three Notre Dame players to win TSN's Player of the Year award, first presented to Georgia quarterback Frank Sinkwich in 1942, were quarterbacks Angelo Bertelli (1943) and Johnny Lujack (1947) and end Leon Hart (1949). All three were Heisman winners, as was Lattner in 1953.

Two other Notre Dame quarterbacks, Paul Hornung in 1956 and John Huarte in '64, were Heisman winners. TSN's awards went to Oklahoma halfback Tommy McDonald in '56 and to Illinois linebacker Dick Butkus in '64.

Nebraska flanker Johnny Rodgers was the first pure receiver to win the Heisman when he was honored in 1972. TSN's award that year went to Louisiana State quarterback Bert Jones.

PAUL ATTNER

## It's Showdown II for 'Canes

On December 5, the final day of the NCAA Division I-A regular season, the Hurricanes of Miami (Fla.) defeated South Carolina, 20-16, to complete a perfect season and create a national championship match with Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl game January 1. The Sooners are ranked No. 1 and the Hurricanes are No. 2.

Miami, playing at home, recorded a second consecutive 11-0-0 regular season as quarterback Steve Walsh solved South Carolina's blitz-happy "Black Death" defense and passed for a career-high 310 yards. He fired a 46-yard touchdown pass to Michael Irvin and a 56-yard scoring bomb to Brian Blades. Melvin Bratton scored the go-ahead touchdown on a four-yard run in the second quarter.

The Hurricanes used a fake kick to set up Bratton's touchdown. With the Gamecocks leading, 13-7, Miami lined up for a 47-yard field goal attempt. However, holder Jeff Feagles took off through the left side of the line, slipped a tackle and raced 24 yards to the South Carolina 6-yard line.

South Carolina got field goals of 40, 48 and 28 yards by Collin Mackie and a 47-yard TD pass from Todd Ellis to Sterling Sharpe. However, Ellis was able to complete just 10 of 28 passes for 141 yards.

In advancing to the national title game for the second consecutive season—Miami lost to Penn State, 14-10, in the Fiesta Bowl last January 2—the Hurricanes showed some of the form that made them college football's bad boys of 1986.

An apparent recovery by the Hurricanes of a Gamecock fumble at the Miami 40 in the fourth quarter was overruled by officials after it was decided there had been an inadvertent whistle. Because the down markers had been moved prematurely, it took several minutes for the officials to determine where the ball should be placed, and during the confusion Miami Coach Jimmy Johnson stalked every striped shirt in sight to complain about the call.

When play was resumed—with the down replayed—a South Carolina lineman jumped and the whistle blew to signify illegal procedure. At that point, Miami defensive end Daniel Stubbs crashed through the line, grabbed Ellis and hurled the quarterback to the turf.

Ellis kicked at Stubbs and several Gamecock linemen came to Ellis' aid, prompting a bench-clearing brawl. Despite the fisticuffs, no penalties were assessed and an interception by Miami linebacker George Mira on the next play ended the Gamecocks' threat.

"I didn't hear a whistle, so I put him (Ellis) on the ground—softly," Stubbs said with a laugh afterward. "Next thing I knew, I got nailed by three people. Then my team rallied 'round me. That's the kind of team we are. One person messes up, and we all try to help him."

### Army Grinds It Out

Army's wishbone wore down the Navy defense in the fourth quarter as the Cadets gained a 17-3 victory at Veterans Stadium in

## ROUNDUP

### TSN's Top Twenty

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| <b>1</b> Oklahoma (11-0-0)<br>Did not play               | <b>11</b> Georgia (8-3-0)<br>Did not play              |
| <b>2</b> Miami, Fla. (11-0-0)<br>Beat S. Carolina, 20-16 | <b>12</b> So. Carolina (8-3-0)<br>Lost to Miami, 20-16 |
| <b>3</b> Florida State (10-1-0)<br>Did not play          | <b>13</b> Tennessee (9-2-1)<br>Did not play            |
| <b>4</b> Syracuse (11-0-0)<br>Did not play               | <b>14</b> Oklahoma St. (9-2-0)<br>Did not play         |
| <b>5</b> Nebraska (10-1-0)<br>Did not play               | <b>15</b> Indiana (8-3-0)<br>Did not play              |
| <b>6</b> Louisiana State (9-1-1)<br>Did not play         | <b>16</b> Pittsburgh (8-3-0)<br>Did not play           |
| <b>7</b> Auburn (9-1-1)<br>Did not play                  | <b>17</b> Southern Cal (8-3-0)<br>Did not play         |
| <b>8</b> UCLA (9-2-0)<br>Did not play                    | <b>18</b> Penn State (8-3-0)<br>Did not play           |
| <b>9</b> Notre Dame (8-3-0)<br>Did not play              | <b>19</b> Texas A&M (9-2-0)<br>Did not play            |
| <b>10</b> Michigan St. (8-2-1)<br>Did not play           | <b>20</b> San Jose St. (10-1-0)<br>Did not play        |

Philadelphia in the 88th meeting of the service academies. Army's second consecutive triumph cut Navy's lead in the rivalry to 41-40-7.

Fullback Andy Peterson's one-yard touchdown run capped an 81-yard drive that gave the Cadets a 10-0 lead with 11:02 left in the game. After Navy's Ted Fundoukos kicked a 30-yard field goal, setting a school record with 11 straight successful kicks, Army went 64 yards with quarterback Tory Crawford scoring from seven yards out with 35 seconds left.

Mike Mayweather led the way with 119 yards as Army ran 72 times for 315 yards. The Cadets attempted only four passes. "Once you get the wishbone on track, it's kind of hard to stop," said Crawford, who ran for 55 yards in 18 carries.

### Worth Noting

A crowd of only 7,562 watched the inaugural Melbourne Gridiron Bowl, a meeting in Australia of Western Athletic Conference rivals Brigham Young and Colorado State. Sean Covey threw three touchdown passes and Leonard Chitty kicked three field goals as BYU won, 30-26, to take a 9-3 record into the All American Bowl against Virginia.

Arkansas, bound for the Liberty

Bowl against Georgia, also finished 9-3 with a 38-20 triumph over Hawaii at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu.

### Playoff Picture

Georgia Southern's two-year reign in NCAA Division I-AA came to an end with a 19-0 loss to Appalachian State in the playoff quarterfinals. The shutout by the Mountaineers at Boone, N.C., marked the first time Georgia Southern had been blanked since the Eagles resurrected their football program under Coach Erk Russell in 1981.

In the playoff semifinals, Appalachian State was matched with Southern Conference rival Marshall, a 51-23 winner over Weber State as Tony Peterson threw four TD passes and the Thundering Herd intercepted seven passes. Appalachian State beat Marshall in the regular season, 17-10.

Northeast Louisiana earned its berth in the Division I-AA semifinals, opposite Northern Iowa, when Teddy Garcia kicked a 48-yard field goal with 14 seconds left at Monroe, La., to produce a 33-32 triumph over Eastern Kentucky.

Meanwhile, Portland State and Troy (Ala.) State reached the NCAA Division II championship game and Dayton advanced to a showdown with Wagner for the NCAA Division III title.

## SCORES

### MAJOR GAMES

Arkansas 38, Hawaii 20  
Army 17, Navy 3  
Brigham Young 30, Colo. State 26  
Miami (Fla.) 20, South Carolina 16

### NCAA DIVISION I-AA PLAYOFFS (Quarterfinals)

Appalachian St. 19, Georgia Southern 0  
Marshall 51, Weber State 23  
Northern Iowa 49, Arkansas St. 28  
NE Louisiana 33, E. Kentucky 32

### (Semifinal Pairings)

Appalachian State (11-2) vs. Marshall (9-4)  
No. Iowa (10-3) vs. Northeast La. (11-2)

### NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS (Semifinals)

Portland State 13, No. Michigan 7  
Troy State (Ala.) 31, Central Florida 10

### (Championship)

Portland St. (11-1-1) vs. Troy State (11-1-1),  
December 12, at Florence, Ala.

### NCAA DIVISION III PLAYOFFS (Semifinals)

Dayton 34, Central Iowa 0  
Wagner 20, Emory & Henry 15  
(Championship)

Dayton (11-2) vs. Wagner (12-1), December  
12, in Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl at Phenix  
City, Ala.

### NAIA DIVISION I PLAYOFFS (Quarterfinals)

Carson-Newman 49, Gardner Webb 24  
Mesa (Colo.) 38, Southern Oregon 7  
Pittsburg (Kan.) St. 42, Presbyterian 21  
Cameron (Okla.) 17, Emporia State 12  
(Semifinal Pairings)

Carson-Newman (9-3) vs. Mesa (11-0)  
Cameron (9-2) vs. Pittsburg State (11-0)

### NAIA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS (Semifinals)

Wis. Stevens Point 48, Geneva (Pa.) 25  
Pacific Lutheran 17, Baker 14 (OT)

Wisconsin-Stevens Point (12-2) vs. Pacific  
Lutheran (10-1-1), December 12



## NOTEBOOK

Dick Crum, citing an "erosion of support," resigned as coach at North Carolina, effective January 31, 1988, and accepted an \$800,000 buyout of his contract. He was to receive \$400,000 plus an additional \$100,000 a year for each of the remaining four years on his 10-year contract. Crum had a 10-year record of 72-41-3, but the Tar Heels were just 5-5-1, 5-6, 7-4-1 and 5-6 in his last four seasons. University professors who met with Athletic Director John Swofford after Crum's announcement said they were told that Crum resigned of his own volition and was not forced out. "John (Swofford) flatly said he was not fired," said chemistry professor Richard Hiskey. "Firing is not the right word." As Crum departed, Swofford set up an eight-man search committee to find a new coach. Early speculation was that Jim Donnan, offensive coordinator at Oklahoma, was the leading candidate. Other names that surfaced were those of John Mackovic, Jack Bicknell, Fisher DeBerry, Mack Brown, Howard Schnellenberger, Mark Duffner and Dick Vermeil. Crum's assistants, who will be paid through June 1988, were asked to continue recruiting efforts until the new coach is in place. . . . Meanwhile, there was a chance that former Tar Heels tailback Derrick Fenner might be headed back to school after he was cleared of murder charges in Hyattsville, Md. Fenner, who led the Atlantic Coast Conference in rushing with 1,250 yards in 1986, was suspended after first-degree murder charges were filed last May in a drug-related death. While Fenner said that his first choice was to return to college, he would not say if he would try to return to North Carolina. Fenner still faces drug and handgun charges from an incident last April in which his car was stopped by police. But Fenner's lawyer, Fred Joseph, said of that case, "The alleged drugs consist of 25 capsules with traces or residue (of narcotics). There was more drugs in (the movie) 'Annie Hall' than in all these capsules put together. I am confident that in view of what Derrick's been through, in view of the fact that he spent six weeks in jail and had to put up \$10,000, that he will be cleared."

The latest turn in the scandal at Southern Methodist University was the announcement by John Vasquez, Texas assistant attorney general, of the theft of more than \$10,000 in athletic department funds. Vasquez would not give a specific dollar amount, but he said the discovery was sufficient to warrant an investigation for felony theft. Asked if the sum could go to six figures, Vasquez said, "I'm not prepared to say." Vasquez said the missing money was not part of the \$850,000 in termination contracts paid to Bob Hitch, former athletic director at SMU; Bobby Collins, who was the Mustangs' football coach, and former athletic department assistant Henry Lee Parker. But, Vasquez said, "Our investigation of those led to this discovery." Illegal payments to football players at SMU led to the NCAA "death penalty," under which the Mustangs were banned from playing in 1987. As a result of that penalty, the

school also canceled its 1988 season. SMU President A. Kenneth Pye promised to cooperate with the investigation of the missing funds. "We have a right of action against anyone who has misappropriated funds," he said. "We don't have enough money to overlook the right to try to regain old money."

## EAST

Although Colgate's Kenny Gamble set an NCAA record for all divisions with a career total of 7,623 all-purpose yards—including 5,220 yards rushing—the NCAA News projected that two-way star Gordie Lockbaum of Holy Cross would have topped Gamble's performance if he had played on offense all four years. In his junior and senior seasons, Lockbaum scored 44 touchdowns and totaled 4,287 all-purpose yards. Doubling his all-purpose yardage would produce a career figure of 8,574 yards. Lockbaum, who played running back and defensive back, set seven Holy Cross records: career rushing touchdowns (27), career receptions (135), career receiving yards (2,012), career touchdowns receiving (16), receptions in one game (15), receptions in a season (78) and receiving yards in a season (1,152). With 78 catches this year, Lockbaum tied Marshall's Mike Barber for the Division I-AA lead. Gamble was runner-up to Howard's Harvey Reed in rushing, gaining 1,411 yards to Reed's 1,512. Lockbaum and Reed were repeaters on Kodak's Division I-AA All-America team, with Lockbaum listed as a wide receiver. The All-America quarterback was Holy Cross' Jeff Wiley, who completed 66 percent of his passes and was No. 1 nationally in total offense with an average of 338 yards a game. . . . Chris Palmer, who had a record of 16-4 in two years at the University of New Haven, a Division II school, was named coach at Boston University. He succeeds Steve Stetson, who was 10-23 in three years with the Terriers.

## SOUTH

Georgia's 30-16 victory over Georgia Tech gave Coach Vince Dooley his 191st victory, enabling him to break a tie with Mississippi's Johnny Vaught and climb to No. 2 in career triumphs among



Colorado quarterback Sal Aunese is the Big Eight's Newcomer of the Year.

Southeastern Conference coaches. Bear Bryant, of course, is No. 1, with 232 of his 323 victories coming at Alabama. . . . Six SEC running backs were 1,000-yard rushers in '87. Florida's Emmitt Smith had 1,341 yards, Kentucky's Mark Higgs had 1,278, Alabama's Bobby Humphrey had 1,255, Tennessee's Reggie Cobb had 1,197, Georgia's Lars Tate had 1,016 and Louisiana State's Harvey Williams had 1,001. The old SEC record was four 1,000-yard backs in 1978. They were Willie McLendon of Georgia, Joe Cribbs of Auburn, Charles Alexander of LSU and Frank Mordica of Vanderbilt.

LSU's Williams suffered a severe knee injury against Tulane on the run that put him over 1,000 yards. Williams had extensive ligament and cartilage damage and underwent reconstructive knee surgery. The prognosis is a nine-month recovery period. Williams, a second-year sophomore, could be redshirted next year. . . . Florida State's Sammie Smith set a school rushing record when his 116 yards against Florida gave him a 1987 total of 1,134 yards. The Seminoles' Derek Schmidt, who had four field goals in the 28-14 victory, tied a school mark with a 53-yarder. . . .

## Lombardi to Spielman

HOUSTON—For Ohio State linebacker Chris Spielman, winning the Lombardi Award as the outstanding lineman in collegiate football helped make up for a disappointing senior year.

"It's a feeling of relief that something good came out of the season—beating Michigan and me winning the Lombardi Award," the 6-2, 236-pounder from the famed football hotbed of Massillon, O., said as he was honored December 3 at a dinner sponsored by the Houston Rotary Club. During the tumultuous 1987 season at Ohio State, All-America wide receiver Cris Carter was ruled ineligible because of dealings with agents, Coach Earle Bruce was fired and school officials rejected a Sun Bowl invitation after the Buckeyes finished with a 6-4-1 record.

Spielman is the 18th recipient of the Lombardi Award and the third Ohio State player to be honored. Ohio State middle guard Jim Stillwagon was the inaugural Lombardi winner in 1970 and John Hicks, an offensive tackle for the Buckeyes, won in 1973. The award is named for the legendary Vince Lombardi, who died of cancer. Proceeds from the dinner benefit the American Cancer Society.

Spielman finished his career with 546 tackles, third highest in school history. In 1987, he had 156 tackles—78 of them solo—and two pass interceptions. He recorded 10 quarterback sacks.

The other finalists were Syracuse nose tackle Ted Gregory, Oklahoma tight end Keith Jackson and Auburn defensive tackle Tracy Rucker—the only junior.

Miami (Fla.) wide receiver Michael Irvin extended his streak of games with at least one reception to 33. The old record was 31, set by Larry Brodsky.

## MIDWEST

Colorado wishbone quarterback Sal Aunese, who was forced to forfeit a year of eligibility because of the NCAA's Proposition 48 rule, was named the Big Eight Conference's Newcomer of the Year. Aunese led the Buffaloes in rushing with 612 yards and scored six touchdowns. He was the highest-rated passer in the Big Eight, completing 23 of 51 for 522 yards. Aunese, of Oceanside, Calif., but originally from American Samoa, was ineligible in 1986 because he did not make the required grade on the Scholastic Aptitude Test before he enrolled at Colorado. Coach Bill McCartney said, however, that the deficiency was not with Aunese, but with a cultural bias in the SAT. Aunese's grade-point average was 2.57 his first semester at Colorado, but the NCAA regulations put him out for the season—he wasn't even able to practice in 1986. "That really inhibited his maturation, and I think he's still paying for it," said McCartney. "When he hit campus this fall (as a sophomore), it was his first exposure to college football." . . . Oklahoma linebacker Dante Jones was a unanimous choice for Big Eight Defensive Player of the Year, marking the sixth consecutive season that a member of the Sooners has been honored. Oklahoma State running back Thurman Thomas, who rushed for 1,613 yards, was named Offensive Player of the Year. . . . Nebraska defensive end Broderick (Sandman) Thomas pleaded no contest to a charge of hindering arrest and was fined \$100. The case stemmed from an altercation in August, when four officers went to Thomas' apartment to arrest him on a bench warrant for failure to pay a traffic fine. . . . Charles Wade, offensive coordinator at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., the last four years, was named head coach at Missouri Southern College. Wade coached the offense in 1972 when the Joplin, Mo., school won the NAIA Division II championship. . . . Indiana gave Coach Bill Mallory a one-year contract extension, which carries through the 1992 season.

## SOUTHWEST

Doug Single, athletic director at Southern Methodist, said he has received 75 applications for the SMU coaching job, ranging from high school assistant coaches to professional coaches. Single said he and an advisory committee would interview about 10 candidates and hopefully name a coach by mid-January. . . . For the first time in 27 years, Texas was not the Southwest Conference attendance leader. A record crowd of 78,573 at Kyle Field for Texas A&M's game with Texas gave the Aggies an average attendance of 66,625, eclipsing the Longhorns' season average of 64,235. . . . A&M strong safety Chet Brooks suffered a broken leg in the first half of the Texas game and will be sidelined for the Cotton Bowl game with Notre Dame. This will be the second time in three years that Brooks has missed a Cotton Bowl game because of an injury. In the 1985 season, when

A&M won its first SWC title in 18 years, he suffered a dislocated kneecap.

Houston slotback Jason Phillips caught 12 passes in the season finale against Rice and ended the year with 99 receptions—the fourth best single-season performance in NCAA history. . . . The Cougars forfeited their 37-7 victory over Temple because it was ruled that safety Randy Thornton was academically ineligible. Thornton had been dropped from the rolls of one class for 12 straight absences, which put him below the mandatory 12 hours necessary for eligibility. An athletic department official attempted to enroll Thornton in two courses after that, but the cover-up was discovered. Athletic Director Rudy Davalos and SWC Commissioner Fred Jacoby agreed that Houston would not have to forfeit its 60-40 victory over Texas because the registrar's office had not yet processed the information on Thornton at the time. A forfeit would have given the Longhorns an SWC co-championship, but Texas A&M still would have gone to the Cotton Bowl because the Aggies beat the Longhorns.

## WEST

Pacific Coast Athletic Association coaches had a problem when it came to selecting an Offensive Player of the Year. How could they choose between San Jose State quarterback Mike Perez, who was second in the nation in total offense, and Nevada-Las Vegas running back Elbert (Ickey) Woods, who led the nation in rushing? As it turned out, they made up a new award, calling Perez the Most Valuable Player and Woods the Offensive Player of the Year. Fresno State defensive tackle Jethro Franklin was the Defensive Player of the Year.


Pacific-10 coaches voted UCLA quarterback Troy Aikman the conference's Player of the Year, while a poll of writers conducted by the Portland Oregonian gave the nod to Southern California quarterback Rodney Peete. The coaches' ballots were cast before Peete led USC to a 17-13 victory over UCLA for the Rose Bowl berth. . . . Arizona (4-4-3) was the most dead-level .500 team in the history of the Pac-10. The Wildcats played more ties than any team in the Pac-10 or the old Pacific Coast Conference since Washington was 4-3-3 in 1943. Back in 1937, Washington State and Oregon State each went 3-3-3. . . . Arizona safety Chuck Cecil, the Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year, broke the conference record for interceptions in a career by picking off one his last game, giving him 21. That broke the school mark of 20, set by Jackie Wallace, and the conference mark of 20, shared by Artimus Parker (USC, 1971-73) and Phil Moffatt (Stanford, 1929-31). Wallace's record was not a Pac-10 mark because it was accomplished before the Wildcats joined the conference.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# MacPherson TSN's Coach of the Year

## Success at Syracuse with 'Clean' Program

By BOB SNYDER

SYRACUSE, N.Y.—On the Monday morning after the end of the Syracuse University football season, Dick MacPherson looked around his office in bewilderment.

Ordinarily, things aren't like this at Syracuse. Kindly, it has been said that the Orangemen are steeped in tradition—the coaching regime of Ben Schwartzwalder and a parade of great running backs—Jim Brown, Ernie Davis, Floyd Little, Larry Csonka, Joe Morris et al.

But the bottom line is that Syracuse's success story ended before Schwartzwalder yielded the coaching mantle. The national championship season of 1959 is hardly vivid in everyone's mind.

For 20 years, the only postseason games in which Syracuse played were the Independence Bowl of 1979 and the Cherry Bowl in 1985. The Orangemen weren't ready for prime time, a game on New Year's Day.

Traditionally, the season ended quietly, and after MacPherson's team went 5-6 in 1986, there were new members in the SacMacPac, a group that wasn't exactly looking to engage MacPherson as the guest speaker at its annual smoker.

Last year, basketball had taken over by the time the curtain fell on football. And the Orangemen went to the Final Four in New Orleans,

where they came within five seconds of winning the NCAA championship.

This fall, it was boom, bam, alakazam! Like something out of a comic strip, things had turned around for the man they call Coach Mac. After the Orangemen went 11-0, his small but tidy office turned into a mess. A secretary had him signing a list for rings, another list for watches. And Syracuse was making arrangements for a charter flight to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl game.

There was one more thing. MacPherson was named THE SPORTING NEWS College Football Coach of the Year.

From September through November, the Incredible Dream lived in Syracuse.

In his first six years, the Orangemen had been drawing crowds of 30,000 to 36,000 to the Carrier Dome, and MacPherson was grateful. "It (the average) was 28-29,000 and that went to 35,000 with a non-winning program," the coach said. "Nobody's ever deserted us."

This season, the Orangemen averaged 44,000 in the 50,000-seat Carrier Dome and MacPherson was swamped with mail and phone calls. Everyone wanted a piece of the 57-year-old MacPherson, and he was always available. If nothing else, he is a man of the people.

On Fridays before home football

games, you'll find him at Matty's, a downtown corner grill that will never be mistaken for Toots Shor's. "I took Brent Musburger and Pat Haden (of CBS) there, and they loved it," said MacPherson.

When he coached Massachusetts to a College Division bowl game in 1972, his hangout in Amherst, Mass., was the VFW club.

To Coach Mac, everything is "beautiful . . . we know where we're coming from." And even if he is Mr. Malaprop at times, no one cares. He and wife Sandra have two grown daughters, and Coach Mac is still out there pitching for worthy causes.

For shaking hands, wearing a big smile and remembering names from bygone years, nobody in town is his equal.

"Mention THE SPORTING NEWS and it brings to mind Dick Hotham. As a kid, you had to know all the baseball averages or you were nobody," said MacPherson, recalling the days in Old Town, Me., where he grew up as the 11th of 12 children. His father was a plumber and life's lessons always soaked in.

"THE SPORTING NEWS was the bible. We didn't have the money to buy it; Dick always had it, though, and that's how I got to read it all the time."

Mac doesn't forget the past. He won't forget your wife's name, either, even if he hasn't seen her in three years and only met her once.

Until recently, when talk in central New York turned to MacPherson, you would be sure to hear: "He's a nice guy, but . . ."

Maybe that nice guy bit wore a little thin. But the facts were that until this season, MacPherson's teams at Syracuse were 30-36-1 in six seasons. The Orangemen couldn't win on the road and they couldn't beat Penn State anywhere.

Syracuse began its perfect season with a 25-11 victory over favored Maryland in the Carrier Dome. The Orange weren't pressed in the late stages of 10 straight games, then got their 11-0 record with a two-point conversion in the closing seconds for a 32-31 victory over West Virginia.

MacPherson reflected on the past, addressed the present and looked toward the future:

"In 1985, we had a 7-4 team that should have been better than that when we went to the Cherry Bowl (and lost to Maryland, 35-18)," MacPherson said. "This year, we made the statement that this was going to be the best football team we've ever had here. So we were talking about three teams being better than us—Penn State, Pitt and Maryland.

"(Beating) Maryland allowed us to be 5-0. (Beating) Penn State and Pitt allowed us to dream of 11-0. We found out who we were when we played Penn State (and led 41-0 in the season's sixth game)."

The Orangemen beat Penn State, 48-21. Two weeks later, they



Dick MacPherson talks with All-America quarterback Don McPherson.

whipped Pitt, 24-10.

And Syracuse achieved this success with a "clean" program.

"We're not running around here saying we're the student-athlete," said Coach Mac. "But we certainly represent college athletics very well."

"There are teams like this, that try to do it the right way, all over the United States. And I think a lot of 'em are glad somebody (like Syracuse) did it."

As coach of an unbeaten team that still has a shot at No. 1, MacPherson said:

"We were shut out of the Orange Bowl; they wouldn't take us. Now, let's see what happens on New Year's Day—who plays the best on national championship day."

Assuming a victory in the Sugar Bowl, he added: "Who else is 12-0? If there's nobody else, we've gotta be national champions. And history has proven that we will be. There've only been four teams in the '80s who've done it (Georgia, Clemson, Brigham Young and Penn State), and they've all been national champions."

"That's why when you talk 12-0, the numbers are really with you."

MacPherson was a center at Springfield (Mass.) College, where he received his bachelor's degree. He was head coach at Massachusetts from 1971 to 1977, compiling a record of 45-27-1, and was an assistant at the college level and in the National Football League with the Denver Broncos and Cleveland Browns.

In 1972, one year before the NCAA began a playoff system for teams below the major college level, his Massachusetts team went to the Boardwalk Bowl and beat California-Davis, 35-14, as quarterback Piel Pennington caught a touchdown pass and threw one to Tim Berra.

That experience was enough to convince MacPherson that playoffs are unnecessary at the major college level. He sees no need for a longer season.

"Baseball and basketball players have to dance so many dances," he said, referring to the extra games in those sports. "People (in football) say they can't do it, and I'm sure they can't. It's clear to me that there's no way that Division I colleges should be involved in playoffs. They can't do it; it's just too much for the kids."

And so we have Dick MacPherson, the man who went from SacMacPac to Coach of the Year, from Nice Guy, But to a Knute Rockne type with the passing of a single season in a town where the young can't even recall the glory of '59.

And Coach Mac has a team with a quick-strike offense headed by All-American quarterback Donnie McPherson and All-America nose guard Ted Gregory.

No Syracuse team before this one had ever won 11 games in a calendar year. In 1959, Syracuse was 10-0 before beating Texas in the Cotton Bowl on January 1, 1960, for the national title.

"There's just no better place for me in college football than right here," said MacPherson. "But I really haven't accomplished yet what I want to accomplish here—to get this program on a Top 25 basis year in and year out. The whole sequence, the recruiting package, you can't do that in one year."

"In the church, they call it *sic transit gloria mundi* (so passes the glory of the world). Fame is fleeting. It ain't gonna last very long."

"We brought it up to our kids: 'Enjoy it while it's here. When it's gone, you're gonna wish you had more of it.'"

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# The Nashville Ironman

## A Long Climb for Vandy Linebacker Chris Gaines

By JIM LAISE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Chris Gaines has been laughing at tilting hillsides most of his life.

Near his parents' home in the Nashville suburb of Old Hickory, Tenn., is a hillside that goes straight up. From the base to its peak at the J. Percy Priest Reservoir dam, the hill rises about 100 yards and the grade is steeper than any stadium steps.

Last summer, Gaines and his brothers, Greg and Brad, would run that hillside four or five times a day.

They once did it so many times that a visiting cousin, who was running alone, ended up becoming ill.

Be that as it may, all the hard work paid off.

Gaines, a 6-0, 225-pound Vanderbilt linebacker, was named to the Kodak Coaches All-America team after he set an unofficial Southeastern Conference record with 214 tackles.

In many respects, the son of Buddy and Bettye Gaines has been climbing hills most of his life.

While many of the nation's top linebackers will be featured in bowl games this year, Gaines will participate in a few all-star games attempting to attract attention.

Mentally and physically, he has

made quite a few adjustments since he was a scrawny seventh grader at Dupont Junior High School.

Back then, Gaines was teased by his older brother, Greg, now a starting linebacker for the Seattle Seahawks, about how skinny he was. Chris was 12 years old and weighed 135 pounds, primarily because he had undergone seven bouts with pneumonia.

In the seventh grade, he began to lift weights and a hobby became an obsession.

From the seventh through 12th grades, he annually gained 15 to 20 pounds, until he was a 215-pound running back at now-defunct Hermitage Dupont High School.

After setting a rushing record (1,220 yards) his senior year in high school, he was moved to linebacker when he enrolled at Vanderbilt.

The transition was made more difficult because he suffered a broken ankle in the spring of his red-shirt freshman season. He didn't play a snap until the fourth game of his second season, and then, as a sophomore, his progress was slow because he had a bad case of bronchitis.

Gaines' obsession with weights was so intense, however, that in the winter of his sophomore year,

after he had suffered a cracked wrist late in the season, he jumped a fence to get into the Commodores' weight room—cast, crutches and all.

"I had to lift," he said. So much so, that he once bench-pressed 335 pounds five times while wearing a cast on his left arm.

To this point, Gaines had done his lifting for fun. By his junior year, he began to get serious.

"Until then, I had just lifted weights to see how many pounds I could pick up," said Gaines. "Starting with my junior year, I started doing it for football."

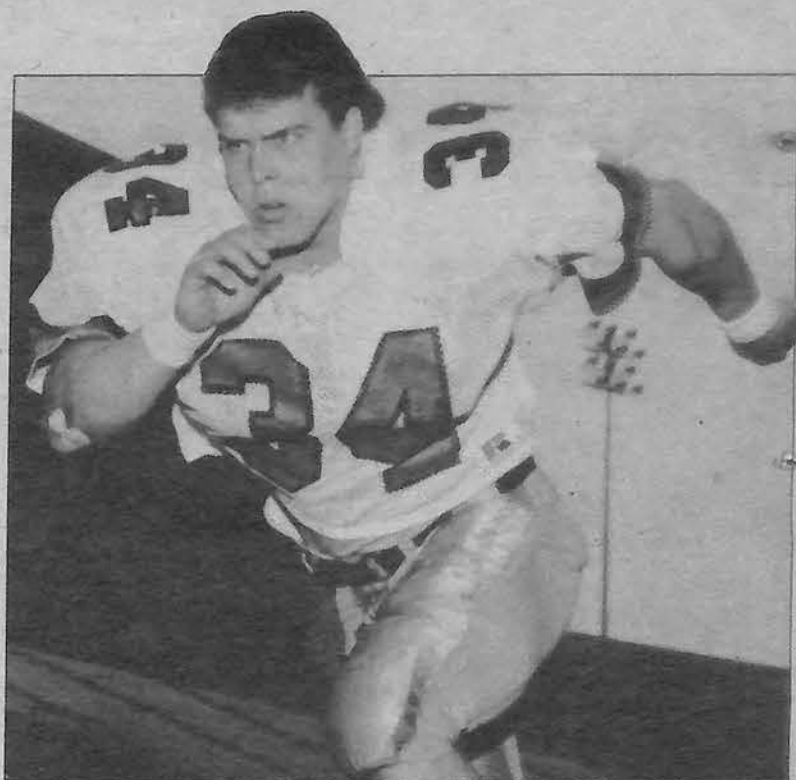
The weight work helped Gaines lead the Commodores with 119 tackles in 1986, his junior year. You can imagine his surprise when Coach Watson Brown asked him to do more in '87.

Gaines knew he had played well in 1986 and figured he would be congratulated for a job well done when he had a postseason talk with Brown.

Instead, Brown said he wanted Gaines to play on every defensive snap his senior year, but he wanted Chris to tone down his act.

A volatile athlete, Gaines was known for histrionics with his tackles in '86.

Gaines committed himself to calming down, then was asked by



Chris Gaines was Vanderbilt's "Ironman" on defense.

assistant coach Bob Campiglia to lose some weight. Gaines had played at 245 as a junior and believed he needed the extra pounds. But Campiglia told him that unless he shed some fat, there was no way he could be in on every defensive snap.

This season, at his lowest weight since his freshman year, Gaines went all the way on defense and even played on special teams.

His nine tackles for losses and four sacks tied him for the team

highs, and he also caused two fumbles.

All the work earned Gaines the title Ironman in a nationwide promotion dreamed up by Lew Harris, the Vandy sports information director.

"We put the campaign together, but there's no way we could have done anything unless Chris had showed up," Harris said.

The same could have been said about those hills he climbed last summer.

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## PRO BASKETBALL

## HEADLINERS

## Stats: Barkley Best in November

Charles Barkley of the Philadelphia 76ers was the National Basketball Association's best player for November, based on the TENDEX statistical rating system.

The TENDEX system is based on 10 statistical categories: points, rebounds, assists, blocked shots, steals, turnovers, field-goal percentage, free-throw percentage, minutes played and game pace.

Barkley, who broke Larry Bird's streak of three straight titles with a rating of .828 last season, opened the 1987-88 campaign with a mark of .948 for the first month.

Barkley burned the nets for 28.5 points per game for the 76ers' first 11 contests. He also averaged 12.7 rebounds and 3.9 assists and shot 62 percent from the floor.

Boston's Bird, Chicago's Michael Jordan, New York's Pat Ewing and Utah's John Stockton also had excellent first months, leading at their respective positions.

Bird led small forwards with a rating of .908, second overall, while Jordan paced the shooting guards at .877 and Ewing rated No. 1 among centers at .863. Stockton, Utah's point guard, pulled a surprise by rating ahead of the Lakers' Magic Johnson, .791 to .683, for the first month.

Ewing and Stockton headed a list of six players who achieved the .700 level for the first time. The others were Charles Oakley of Chicago (.738), Glenn Rivers of Atlanta (.732), Roy Tarpley of Dallas (.730) and Clyde Drexler of Portland (.708).

Ewing ranked ahead of Houston's Akeem Olajuwon, who domi-

nated the center position for the past two years but began the 1987-88 season with only a .654 rating for the Rockets' first 13 games.

Three of the league's best-known players appeared to be in danger of losing their starting jobs to young players.

Adrian Dantley of Detroit had a rating of only .511, while his substitute, Dennis Rodman, had a .659—second overall to Bird among the league's small forwards who had played at least 24 minutes per game.

Sam Perkins of Dallas was rated at only .473, while Tarpley moved into contention for Perkins' job by grading at .730—fourth among the league's power forwards.

Seattle's Tom Chambers, Most Valuable Player in the 1987 All-Star Game, had a rating of only .424 and was being challenged by rookie Derrick McKey, who had a .625. McKey was the only rookie in the league with a rating of .500 or better for the first month.

Hitting the skids during early season games were Lakers center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (.504), Houston forward Ralph Sampson (.482), Atlanta forward Dominique Wilkins (.566) and Washington center Moses Malone (.576). The 7-4 Sampson had a .717 rating as a rookie center four years ago, but his rating has dropped steadily as it has become more and more obvious that he cannot play as effectively at forward as he did at center.

Karl Malone of Utah (.688), Vern Fleming of Indiana (.632) and A.C. Green of the Lakers (.552) made significant improvement and appeared ready to join the ranks of the league's star

players. Malone was the No. 5 power forward, Fleming was the No. 6 point guard and Green rated ahead of more highly touted frontcourt teammates Abdul-Jabbar and James Worthy (.524).

DAVE HEEREN

## Top Five at Each Position

## Centers

1. Ewing, New York ..... .863
2. Olajuwon, Houston ..... .654
3. S. Johnson, Portland ..... .591
4. Benjamin, L.A. Clippers ..... .582
5. M. Malone, Washington ..... .576

## Power Forwards

1. Barkley, Philadelphia ..... .948
2. Sikma, Milwaukee ..... .739
3. Oakley, Chicago ..... .738
4. Tarpley, Dallas ..... .730
5. K. Malone, Utah ..... .688

## Small Forwards

1. Bird, Boston ..... .908
2. Rodman, Detroit ..... .659
3. McKey, Seattle ..... .625
4. Aguirre, Dallas ..... .623
5. English, Denver ..... .597

## Shooting Guards

1. Jordan, Chicago ..... .877
2. Drexler, Portland ..... .708
3. W. Davis, Phoenix ..... .635
4. Ellis, Seattle ..... .604
5. V. Johnson, Detroit ..... .567

## Point Guards

1. Stockton, Utah ..... .791
2. Rivers, Atlanta ..... .732
3. Johnson, L.A. Lakers ..... .683
4. Lever, Denver ..... .682
5. Floyd, Golden State ..... .649

NOTE—The TENDEX formula: points plus rebounds plus assists plus blocked shots plus steals minus turnovers minus missed field-goal and free-throw attempts. This total is divided by minutes played to determine a player's efficiency. A second division is then made based on game pace to reflect a team's style of play (number of ball possessions). A distinctive element about professional basketball is that NBA teams average almost exactly one point for every possession of the ball. Each rebound is worth a point because it acquires a possession. Each assist is worth one because it converts a normal one-point possession into an easy two points. Each steal gains possession and is worth a point, while each turnover loses one. Blocked shots do not always acquire possession, but have intimidation value that arguably is worth a point.

## JAN HUBBARD

## NBA BEAT

## Layden Deals Those He'd Rather Shoot

DALLAS—Many elements have been incorporated into Frank Layden's trading philosophy, but, most significantly, Layden is driven by the "jerk factor."

"You and I could probably sit down and look at 15 rosters and we could find one guy on each team we'd like to shoot," Layden said.

There are laws that discourage such activity, so Layden, the coach of the Utah Jazz, does the next best thing: He discharges them to another team.

The latest to go is Darryl Dawkins, who was a member of the Jazz for 51 days. On October 7, Dawkins and Melvin Turpin were acquired in a three-team deal that sent Dell Curry, Kent Benson and James Bailey to Cleveland and John Bagley and Keith Lee to New Jersey. On November 26, Dawkins was sent to Detroit for two second-round draft picks and cash. Why?

"I think the guy is a talent," Layden said, "but I don't think he has any desire to play."

And that lack of desire perceived by Layden resulted in Dawkins being a distraction. Plus, he wasn't as good as Mark Eaton or Turpin, unless non-stop talking was the competition. Privately, Layden referred to "Chocolate Thunder" as "Chocolate B.S."

Utah fans didn't make it any easier. In his short stay, Dawkins had become a popular figure, and fans yelled for him to play. They will not be totally deprived of watching Dawkins: The Pistons visit Utah on January 20.

By then, Layden hopes Kelly Tripucka is a former Utah player. Tripucka was acquired with Benson from Detroit before last season for Adrian Dantley. Layden is not asking for a No. 1 draft pick for Tripucka, but he won't let him go for two second-round selections. He wants a good player—not a great one, only a good one. Why trade Tripucka?

"A lot of it is his frame of mind," Layden said. "I told him that when he gets to play that he should do it with enthusiasm and people will recognize it. Then they will want him. But he's not doing it. He's just going through the motions."

Dantley is an integral part of a Pistons team that went to the Eastern Conference finals last season. Benson is in Cleveland. Tripucka is on the bench. When he is traded, the Jazz will have traded Dantley for nothing.

"I really don't care," Layden said. "I would have given Dantley away. He was driving me crazy. It was addition by subtraction."

On the surface, Layden's actions are a continuation of Utah's sordid trading history. The New Orleans Jazz entered the National Basketball Association on March 7, 1974. Less than two months later, the Jazz acquired Pete Maravich from Atlanta and graciously agreed to give the Hawks No. 1 draft picks in 1974 and 1975, No. 2 picks in 1975 and 1976, the second and third picks in the expansion draft and the right to swap No. 1 picks with the Jazz in 1977.

It got worse.

In 1976, the Jazz signed free agent Gail Goodrich and agreed to give the Lakers two No. 1 draft picks. The Lakers used those picks to select Kenny Carr and Magic Johnson.

Three years later, the Jazz made perhaps its weirdest deal when the franchise moved from New Orleans to Salt Lake City trading, in effect, Bourbon Street for the Great Salt Lake.

Those deals were made before Layden arrived, but he has made some questionable decisions. In 1980, he drafted guard Darrell Griffith ahead of forward Kevin McHale. In 1982, he traded Dominique Wilkins to Atlanta for Freeman Williams, John Drew and \$1 million.

In fairness, Layden was forced to make the latter deal because the Jazz had major financial problems. The \$1 million and the interest that it earned may have saved the team for Salt Lake City. And, interestingly, Drew helped the Jazz win the Midwest Division title in 1983-84, three years before Wilkins helped the Hawks win the Central Division title.

Wilkins is no doubt better than Drew and Williams, who are out of the league, and the \$1 million, which has been spent, but neither team has advanced past the conference semifinals, so how much did it hurt the Jazz?

Griffith over McHale? Jazz officials shrug. Everybody makes mistakes.

To Layden's credit, he no longer tolerates his mistakes. When he makes one, he corrects it. And he doesn't look back.

As Layden said, there are at least 15 teams with bad actors, and sometimes they are among a team's best players. Bad actors who can't play are sent packing. Bad actors who can score are tolerated. And then coaches complain bitterly to peers and the press, usually off the record, that they are forced to keep distracting players because the general manager or owner won't make a trade.

That is not the case in Utah, where Layden does his best to keep his team free of jerks. Layden wants to win a championship, but on his terms. He wants to be happy. He wants his players to be happy. He may not run his team perfectly, but he certainly seems to have developed the perfect philosophy: If you can't shoot 'em, trade 'em.

## The Inconsistency Among Rookies

The inconsistency of rookies came to life for the Seattle SuperSonics in the wake of forward Xavier McDaniel's sprained ankle, which ended his 174-game streak as a starter.

Rookie forward Derrick McKey, who had averaged 13.8 points and six rebounds while shooting 61.5 percent from the floor in the first 11 games, had a meager total of 10 points and 10 rebounds and made only two of 18 shots from the floor in his next three games—at Indiana, New

York and Cleveland.

"I think it will never be a confidence factor," said McKey, the ninth overall pick in last spring's draft. "I'm never intimidated by anybody, no matter how many times they block my shots. But I never remember having three games like this."

On the flip side, Olden Polynice, last spring's eighth overall draft pick, who had been averaging less than half as many minutes as McKey, posted career highs in the two games McKey

started. With the opportunity to play forward as well as center, Polynice averaged 12.5 points and six rebounds. He had 10 points and nine rebounds in 10 minutes at New York—where he grew up.

"It's not something anybody should worry about," Polynice said. "What we try to do is keep each other's spirits up. We're just making up for each other. Like with 'X' (McDaniel) being out, everybody is just picking up the slack."

## A Pearl in Someone Else's Oyster?

Guard Pearl Washington, whom Coach Dave Wohl once called the Nets' "point guard of the future," may be in somebody else's future following New Jersey's signing of veteran Johnny Moore as a free agent. Moore had been released by San Antonio.

"We haven't shopped Pearl around yet, but we're going to have to take a look at the situation," said Nets General Manager Harry Weltman. "I can't say I've been terribly impressed with his

play."

As the Nets completed a 0-4 trip, lineup changes and verbal blowups became the norm. Wohl blasted the performance of forward Orlando Woolridge, who complained of pain in his right toe. It later was discovered that Woolridge has a stress fracture and will be sidelined for about a month.

Rookie guard Dennis Hopson was moved to Woolridge's spot, with Otis Birdsong becoming a

starting guard. Rookie forward Dallas Comegys also joined the starting lineup. Before Moore's acquisition, John Bagley replaced Washington as the starting point guard, although Bagley had made only 35 percent of his field-goal tries.

Woolridge, earning \$1.2 million this season, reportedly was offered to the Sacramento Kings, who declined the offer. The Nets wanted to acquire Jazz forward Kelly Tripucka.



## NOTEBOOK

## ATLANTIC

New Jersey Coach Dave Wohl and forward-center Ben Coleman had a shouting match at halftime of a 125-104 loss at Portland November 29. Players claimed that Wohl has been critical of Coleman, although the 6-8 Maryland product is being forced to play out of position at center.

General Manager John Nash of the injury-riddled Philadelphia 76ers reportedly ruled out trying to acquire Ricky Pierce from the Milwaukee Bucks or William Bedford from the Detroit Pistons. . . . The 76ers will pay recently signed free-agent forward Albert King \$425,000 this season and \$450,000 next year. King's former team, the Nets, had offered him a one-year deal which, if all bonus clauses were fulfilled, would have been worth about \$400,000.

Knicks players have been complaining that Coach Rick Pitino hasn't given them a day off from practice. . . . Boston Celtics reject Rick Carlisle had 21 points in his debut for the Knicks December 1, but committed a pivotal turnover in the loss to the Seattle SuperSonics.

Guard Gerald Wilkins rejoined the starting lineup by default when the Knicks placed Trent Tucker on the injured list.

New York guard Mark Jackson was named the National Basketball Association rookie of the month for November, but began December by missing 14 of 18 shots and committing five turnovers against the Sonics. . . . Celtics forward Kevin McHale had 22 points against the Atlanta Hawks December 1, his

first game after undergoing foot surgery five months earlier. He then had 23 points in his first start one night later against the Nets. "I never realized how much I'd miss this game until I couldn't play," McHale said.

## MIDWEST

All is not well in Houston. At a December 1 practice, Rockets star Akeem Olajuwon slugged teammate Robert Reid several times before teammates broke up the fight. Rockets officials tried to keep the fight a secret, going as far as to tell the Houston media, "It's not news." Olajuwon confronted Reid for apparently spreading a rumor that the All-Pro center uses cocaine. Olajuwon denied ever using drugs and offered to pay \$50,000 if he fails a drug test. Rockets Coach Bill Fitch said he believes the gossip began last January, when people assumed other members of Houston's team must have been using drugs after Lewis Lloyd and Mitchell Wiggins were expelled from the league for testing positive for cocaine.

Olajuwon's streak of consecutive games scoring in double figures ended at 156 when he managed only five points in a 118-96 loss at Utah November 27.

The Mavericks' Roy Tarpley continued his sizzling play off the bench. During the week ending November 27, Tarpley averaged 13.3 points and 13 rebounds while playing an average of 27.3 minutes in three games. Tarpley's burst enabled him to move into 10th in the NBA in rebounding at 10.6 a game. He was the only non-starter in the top 10.

Johnny Moore, who signed with the New Jersey Nets December 3,

ripped San Antonio management for releasing him. "The whole way it came down didn't please me," said Moore, who spent seven years with the Spurs. "I practiced hard during the summer, but I never got the time once training camp started. In my heart I believe they had it in mind to do it the way they did. (Spurs Coach Bob Weiss) would say, 'I won't play you that much tonight because I want to see how somebody else does.' So I would say OK and, before I knew it, I was the fifth wheel."

The Kings placed guard Derek Smith on injured reserve for 30 days on December 2 while he recuperates from two knee operations. Since signing a five-year, \$4.5 million offer sheet before last season, Smith has played in only 55 games, including three this season. Smith's playing status reportedly had caused some friction between Sacramento's front office and new Coach Bill Russell.

## CENTRAL

Atlanta center Tree Rollins had his best offensive game in four years in a 120-106 victory over Boston December 1. Rollins made eight of 12 shots and scored 20 points. He had not scored that many points since January 4, 1984. Asked to recall other top performances, Rollins begged off with a wink. "I'm like 'Nique (Dominique Wilkins)," he said. "I can't remember every basket I make." The 20 points exceeded Rollins' season output entering that game by one.

The Pistons are trying to find rational explanations for Darryl Dawkins' lack of conditioning and unimpressive practices. But their patience was tried when Chocolate Thunder was AWOL from practice. Dawkins' problems were attributed

to grief after the death of his estranged wife. Finally, General Manager Jack McCloskey said there was a misunderstanding about time off for Dawkins, who was not fined. . . . Pacers center Stuart Gray broke a vow of silence taken during the exhibition season when he scored 15 points against San Antonio November 25. Gray said he wasn't talking because he had done nothing worth talking about.

Cleveland's young point guards, Kevin Johnson and Mark Price, were hampered by sprained ankles. But when they were healthy, the Cavs were tough. In one of his best games, Price scored 22 points in a 104-102 victory over visiting Seattle December 2. Craig Ehlo ended a string of 10 straight missed shots by the Cavs to win the game with a 17-foot jumper. "I was just trying to hit the rim and hope somebody tipped it in," Ehlo said. . . . The Bulls emphasized their new versatility as they stormed through the West. With Michael Jordan scoring just 16 points, the Bulls nipped Golden State, 98-97, December 1. With Jordan scoring 47 the next evening, the Bulls stopped Utah, 105-101. . . . Through December 6, the Cavaliers were the only Central Division team with a losing record.

## PACIFIC

It appeared that Los Angeles Lakers guard Michael Cooper's streak of 531 consecutive games played was about to end when he suffered a shoulder injury against Sacramento December 1. But with James Worthy already sidelined with tendinitis in his knees, there was little chance of Cooper getting a breather.

"He's tough; he'll play," said Lakers Coach Pat Riley. "If he's hurt, I'll kill him."

Cooper did play, scoring 17 points in the Lakers' next outing, a 117-104 loss to the visiting Portland Trail Blazers, who had lost 13 straight at the Forum. The last time the Blazers had won at the Forum was the last day of 1982-83 season. Jerome Kersey furnished a career-high 32 points against the Lakers.

"It's a different feeling playing the best team in the league," Kersey said. "I know I tend to play harder. People in Portland always say, 'You may be good, but you ain't done squat until you beat the Lakers.' Well, we're 1-1 so far, and we'll see about the rest." Guard Clyde Drexler had 28 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists against the Lakers.

Six of the Blazers' first seven wins came with Kiki Vandeweghe sidelined because of a back injury.

Another star player sidelined with an injury was Phoenix's Walter Davis, who has a disc problem in his lower back.

Suns President Jerry Colangelo is attempting to organize city officials to garner enough money to build a \$45 million arena that will seat 18,000 and have 40 luxury suites. . . . Lakers star Magic Johnson was sued by Converse for allegedly failing to comply with the terms of his footwear endorsement contract. . . . Clippers center Benoit Benjamin is giving Southern University a hefty annual gift, although he isn't from Baton Rouge, La., and attended college at Creighton. Benjamin, who grew up in Monroe, La., gave Southern's finance committee \$10,000. Benjamin will increase the donation to \$20,000 next year.

## CHARTING THE NBA

**King's Streak is Dead**—Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's National Basketball Association-record streak of double-figure scoring ended December 4. Abdul-Jabbar, who had scored at least 10 points in his last 787 regular-season games, was held to seven points as the Lakers lost to the Bucks, 85-83. Ironically, the streak began and ended in Milwaukee on the same date, 10 years apart. It began December 4, 1977, in a game marred by Abdul-Jabbar breaking Milwaukee's Kent Benson's nose with a punch. One night later, Abdul-Jabbar had a game-high 21 points, but they weren't enough as the Lakers bowed at Cleveland, 97-95. The Lakers would have had a four-game losing streak if they hadn't rallied to beat Sacramento, 125-120, in overtime December 1.

**Plenty of Bark**—Karl Malone of the Jazz said Philadelphia forward Charles Barkley "could have drop-kicked the ball in the basket" November 30, when Barkley made 15 of 20 field-goal tries, scored 43 points and added 14 rebounds to help beat Utah, 106-100.

**Bird Watching**—Boston's Larry Bird broke Bill Sharman's club record of 53 consecutive successful free-throw attempts. Bird extended his string to 59, third best in NBA history, before misfiring. Bird also bagged a game-high 27 points December 4 at Detroit, but the Celtics were clobbered by the Pistons, 128-105, in the first meeting between the two teams since the Eastern Conference finals last spring.

**Unstoppable**—Chicago's Michael Jordan, the NBA's top scorer, exploded for 47 points in a 105-101 victory at Utah December 2. Three nights later, Jordan's 40 points were in vain as the Bulls bowed at San Antonio, 110-101.

## STATISTICS

(THROUGH DECEMBER 6)

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

## SCORING

	G.	Pts.	Avg.
Jordan, Chicago	17	556	32.7
Barkley, Philadelphia	13	370	28.5
Aguirre, Dallas	13	351	27.0
Drexler, Portland	16	420	26.3
Bird, Boston	13	337	25.9
Theus, Sacramento	13	322	24.8
Malone, Utah	16	391	24.4
Ellis, Seattle	16	388	24.3
Wilkins, Atlanta	12	282	23.5
Thorpe, Sacramento	15	352	23.5
English, Denver	16	369	23.1
Davis, Phoenix	11	253	23.0
Cummings, Milwaukee	13	290	22.3
Floyd, Golden State	15	329	21.9
McDaniel, Seattle	14	306	21.9
Johnson, Lakers	15	306	20.4
M. Malone, Washington	15	306	20.4
Dantley, Detroit	15	305	20.3
Ewing, New York	16	325	20.3
Person, Indiana	16	325	20.3

## REBOUNDS

	G.	Tot.	Avg.
Oakley, Chicago	17	258	15.2
Barkley, Philadelphia	13	165	12.7
Cage, Clippers	14	158	11.3
Green, Lakers	15	169	11.3
Williams, New Jersey	14	157	11.2
Thorpe, Sacramento	15	165	11.0
M. Malone, Washington	15	164	10.9
Olajuwon, Houston	16	173	10.8
Sikma, Milwaukee	15	160	10.7
Parish, Boston	17	177	10.4

## FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Barkley, Philadelphia	131	209	.627
Stockton, Utah	73	122	.598
Salley, Detroit	58	98	.592
Williams, New Jersey	98	169	.580
Rodman, Detroit	74	129	.574
West, Cleveland	60	106	.566
Hubbard, Cleveland	71	127	.559
Hansen, Utah	70	126	.556
S. Johnson, Portland	117	214	.547
Green, Lakers	77	141	.546

## FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Scott, Lakers	29	30	.967
Bird, Boston	71	74	.959
Sikma, Milwaukee	82	86	.953
Davis, Phoenix	63	67	.940
Laimbeer, Detroit	44	47	.936
Blackman, Dallas	70	75	.933
J. Malone, Washington	62	67	.925
Price, Cleveland	24	26	.923
Johnson, Washington	41	45	.911

## 3-PT. FIELD GOALS

	FGM	FGA	Pct.
J. Malone, Washington	5	8	.625
Price, Cleveland	8	13	.615
Long, Indiana	6	10	.600
Hansen, Utah	11	19	.579
Adams, Denver	11	20	.550
Barkley, Philadelphia	8	15	.533
Young, Seattle	12	23	.522
Bird, Boston	12	24	.500
Hodges, Milwaukee	14	29	.483
Porter, Portland	6	13	.462

## ASSISTS

	G.	No.	Avg.
Porter, Portland	16	187	11.7
Johnson, Lakers	15	168	11.2
Floyd, Golden State	15	157	10.5
Stockton, Utah	16	167	10.4
Lever, Denver	16	139	8.7
Rivers, Atlanta	13	109	8.4
Jackson, New York	16	128	8.0
Thomas, Detroit	15	120	8.0
McMillan, Seattle	16	125	7.8
Fleming, Indiana	16	123	7.7

## STEALS

	G.	No.	Avg.
Jordan, Chicago	17	59	3.47
Robertson, San Antonio	15	52	3.47
Jackson, New York	16	47	2.94
Rivers, Atlanta	13	38	2.92
Lever, Denver	16	45	2.81
Drexler, Portland	16	43	2.69
Cheeks, Philadelphia	13	34	2.62
Curry, Cleveland	14	32	2.29
Scurry, Utah	13	27	2.08
Thomas, Detroit	15	31	2.07

## STANDINGS

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Home	Away	Conf.	'86-87
1. Chicago Bulls	12	5	.706	4-2	8-3	9-2	8-9
2. Detroit Pistons	10	5	.667	5-1	5-4	7-4	8-7
3. Milwaukee Bucks	10	5	.667	7-1	3-4	6-4	10-5
4. Atlanta Hawks	10	5	.667	8-1	2-4	7-5	12-3
5. Boston Celtics	11	6	.647	7-1	4-5	10-6	12-5
6. Indiana Pacers	9	7	.563	6-2	3-5	5-5	7-9
7. Philadelphia 76ers	6	7	.462	4-1	2-6	4-4	8-5
8. Cleveland Cavaliers	6	8	.429	4-4	2-4	4-7	5-9
9. Washington Bullets	4	11	.267	2-4	2-7	3-7	7-8
10. New York Knicks	4	12	.250	3-4	1-8	3-7	4-12
11. New Jersey Nets	2	12	.143	2-5	0-7	1-8	2-12

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Home	Away	Conf.	'86-87
1. Portland Trail Blazers	11	5	.688	8-1	3-4	7-5	7-9
2. Los Angeles Lakers	10	5	.667	7-2	3-3	10-2	12-3
3. Dallas Mavericks	9	5	.643	7-1	2-4	7-5	9-5
4. Denver Nuggets	10	6	.625	8-1	2-5	8-5	8-8
5. Houston Rockets	9	7	.563	5-2	4-5	8-3	7-9
6. Utah Jazz	9	7	.563	8-2	1-5	6-5	9-7
7. Seattle SuperSonics	8	8	.500	5-1	3-7	4-4	9-7
8. San Antonio Spurs	7	8	.467	6-1	1-7	5-5	5-10
9. Phoenix Suns	6	8	.429	5-3	1-5	4-8	6-8
10. Los Angeles Clippers	6	9	.400	4-4	2-5	5-8	3-12
11. Sacramento Kings	4	11	.267	4-6	0-5	2-9	5-10
12. Golden State Warriors	2	13	.133	2-4	0-9	1-8	9-6

NOTE: 1986-87 records are for corresponding number of games played. The top eight teams from each conference will qualify for the playoffs.

## BLOCKED SHOTS

	G.	No.	Avg.
Benjamin, Clippers	14	56	4.00
Eaton, Utah	16	61	3.81
Boi, Washington	12	45	3.75
Ewing, New York	16	51	3.19
Oldham, Sacramento	14	43	3.07
	G.	No.	Avg.
Cooper, Denver	15	43	2.87
Olajuwon, Houston	16	44	2.75
Hinson, Philadelphia	10	24	2.40
Salley, Detroit	15	30	2.00
Sampson, Houston	16	32	2.00



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# Muggsy and Manute: A Natural?

## Tiny Boggles, Tall Boll Will Get Chance to Play Together

By JOHN EISENBERG

LANDOVER, Md.—When Manute Bol and Tyrone (Muggsy) Boggles are standing beside each other in their Washington Bullets' uniforms, the top of Boggles' head towers, oh, a good three inches above the elastic waistband of Bol's shorts.

The top of Bol's head is, from Boggles' view, somewhere near the roof of the Capital Centre.

They are 23 inches apart, one very short and the other very tall, without question two of the most unlikely teammates in National Basketball Association history.

They are a promotional director's dream.

The long of it is Bol, the 7-7, reed-thin reserve center from the Sudan via the University of Bridgeport (Conn.), who is beginning his third season with the Bullets.

"A very big guy," Boggles said.

The short of it is Boggles, the 5-3 rookie guard from Wake Forest, the smallest player in NBA history.

"A very small man," Bol said.

That they would be teammates was assured last spring, when the Bullets selected Boggles in the first round of the draft.

He was the 12th player selected overall, which, considering his size, was downright shocking; skeptics wondered if Boggles was worth a No. 1 pick, questioning how much help such a small player could provide, no matter how talented.

Boggles had heard it all before. The same questions were asked when he moved from junior high to Baltimore's Dunbar High School, then from Dunbar to Wake Forest: Was he too small? Could he really contribute? Each time he proved

the skeptics wrong.

"I'm used to hearing all that stuff," Boggles said. "It makes you try harder. Sometimes, though, you want to ask people if they're really watching."

Once again, it appears Boggles is proving the skeptics wrong. During training camp, scrimmages, exhibition games and the first weeks of the regular season, he has proved he can help the Bullets.

"There is no doubt in our minds that he belongs in the NBA," said Bullets Coach Kevin Loughery. "By this time you definitely can determine how good a guy is and how much he can help you. It's unique with Muggsy because of his size. But he definitely belongs."

"The question we are trying to answer is: Does he get a starter's minutes or a substitute's minutes?"

The Bullets drafted Boggles because he is innovative and superbly quick in running a fast break and because he can be a disruptive force defensively. The Bullets knew other teams would attack him defensively and that he might not always be effective for long periods of time.

That he had the stuff to make it in the NBA was apparent as early as the second week of the exhibition season, when he had 12 points and nine assists in a loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. The Lakers raved about him.

"He's fantastic. I love him," said Lakers Coach Pat Riley.

"If you're not careful with the ball, it's gone," said Lakers guard Magic Johnson.

When the regular season began, Boggles was in the starting lineup. He played well. Through the first four games, he averaged 32 minutes, 8.8 points and 7.5 assists and shot 47 percent from the floor. He also made a 60-foot heave at the end of a quarter at Milwaukee.

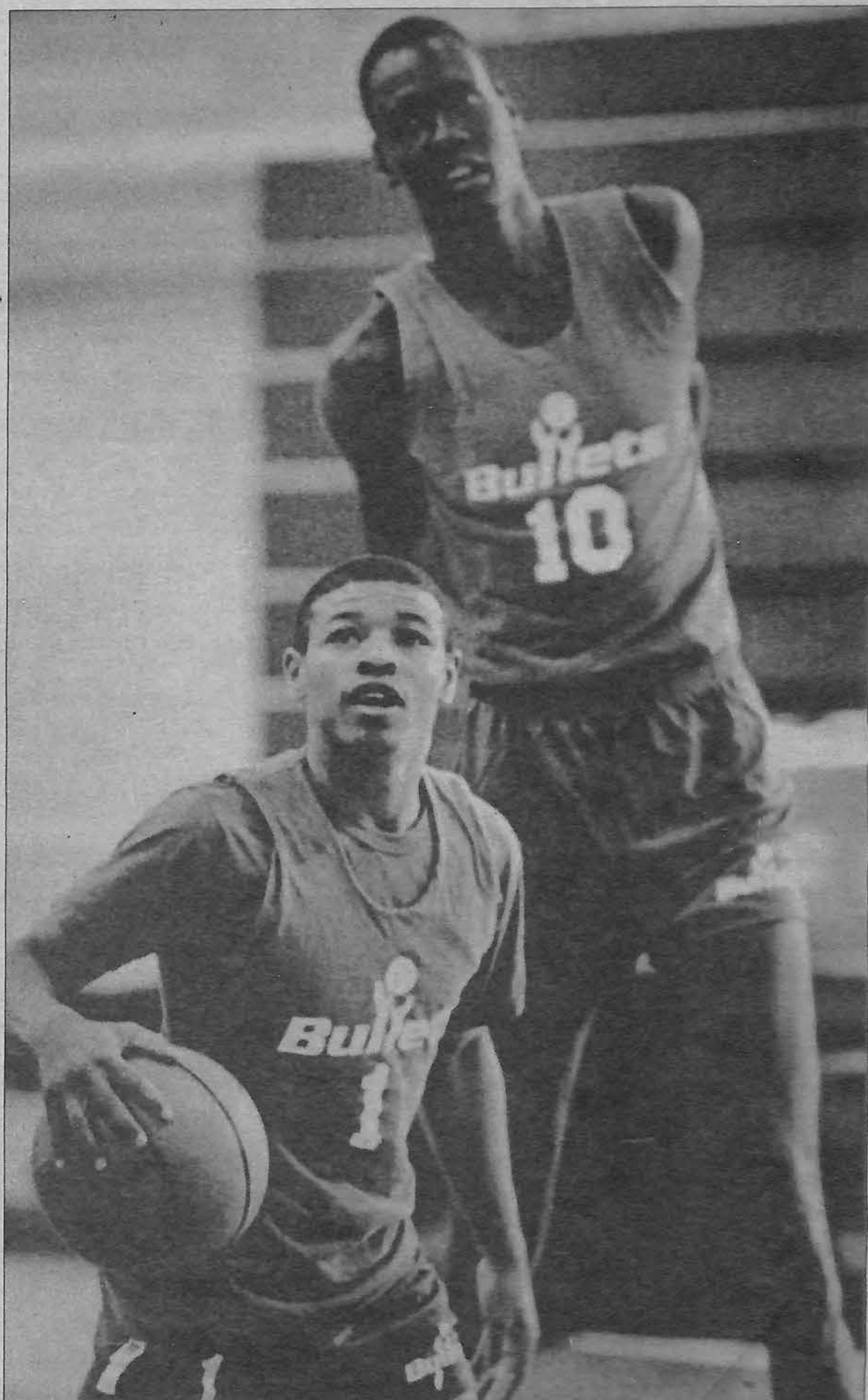
"He is doing exactly what we thought he would do when we drafted him," Loughery said. "He is already one of the best players in the league on the fast break. He is having some trouble finishing his own breaks (shooting layups). And other teams are going at him on defense. But I think we'll be all right. We can get him help inside."

Boggles did not seem surprised by his success.

"I knew I could play here," he said. "There was never a doubt in my mind. The only question was getting a good opportunity."

Now that he has made it, the marketing of Muggsy is beginning. He has filmed a commercial for an auto dealer in Baltimore, his hometown. The Bullets are planning a promotional night involving a growth chart (obviously for children). Boggles signed a three-year endorsement contract estimated to be worth \$500,000 with Converse, which is planning to produce a "Muggsy" line of children's shoes and clothing.

The first bad moment for Boggles occurred in the first quarter of the



All that separates first-round draft pick Tyrone Boggles and Washington teammate Manute Bol is 23 inches.

### A First-Round NBA Trifecta

BALTIMORE—Did you know that Tyrone Boggles of the Washington Bullets (from Wake Forest) and fellow 1987 National Basketball Association first-round draft choices Reggie Williams of the Los Angeles Clippers (from Georgetown) and Reggie Lewis of the Boston Celtics (from Northeastern) were prep teammates in Baltimore, marking the first time three players from the same high school were selected in the opening round in the same year?

The first-round trifecta played together on Dunbar High's undefeated 1983 team, the mythical national champion that season. Dunbar won 59 straight games with Boggles and Williams in the starting lineup. Lewis was a reserve.

Incidentally, a fourth Dunbar player in the NBA is David Wingate, a second-round pick of the Philadelphia 76ers in 1986.

fifth game of the season, when he collided with the Nets' rebounder deluxe, Buck Williams, going for a rebound. Boggles wound up with a sore forearm and four stitches above his left eye. He watched the last three quarters of the game in street clothes.

Even if he had not been injured, Boggles soon might have lost his place in the starting lineup. Lough-

ery's original plan was to use Boggles on the second team, which Loughery uses as a pressing, up-tempo unit. Boggles would have fit in well.

But he had to start because veteran free agent Frank Johnson held out during training camp and because the Bullets traded Michael Adams and released Ennis Whatley, leaving Boggles as one of the

few guards who had been with the team since the start of camp.

Boggles does not care if he starts or comes off the bench.

"This is all a learning experience for me, and that's the way I look at it," he said. "It's a lot different than college. Here, everyone is so talented. If they're not a superstar, they're very good. You have to be good every night. What I'm



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going to have to be is consistent. That's how you make it in the NBA. I've always been consistent before. I think I can be here."

Bogues and Bol had almost no chance to play together early because of a minor knee injury suffered by Bol late in the exhibition season. It kept him out of the first week of the regular season, and Bogues was injured the night Bol returned.

Last year, Bol was the anchor of the Bullets' second team, which Loughery often substituted as a unit. Bol finished second in the league in blocked shots, but his offense still was weak, which limited his playing time.

It was not solely a question of Bol's shooting touch; his free-throw percentage has always been respectable, demonstrating some ability. But he lacked aggressiveness, partially, no doubt, because he was so thin.

During the exhibition season this year, however, Bol was more aggressive offensively.

"We're hoping to expand his role, try to get him more involved in the offense than he has been," Loughery said. "He played well in preseason. We also want to try to get he and Moses (Malone) playing together. We feel like that would be effective."

Bol was disappointed in his role last year. He had played more as a rookie, when Malone was still in Philadelphia and former Bullets center Jeff Ruland was injured.

"I need more minutes," Bol said. "It's up to the coach. I want to play more. But sometimes you play, and sometimes you don't."

Regardless of how much he plays, Bol will be happier off the court this year. Admittedly lonely in his five years after immigrating to the United States, he returned to the Sudan this summer and got married. His wife, Atong, is from the village in which he was raised.

Bol long had wanted to find a wife. He had eloped with a girl in 1982, but their families had dissolved the marriage after an argument developed over the number of cows Bol's family was to pay the girl's family for the right to her hand. Such dowries are customary in the Dinka tribe, to which Bol's family belongs.

Since coming to the United

States, Bol had dated a lot of American women. Once, he had a steady girlfriend in Washington for six months. But in Dinka culture, the women cook, clean and dote on their husbands. Bol found American girls too independent.

"I like them, but they talk too much," he said.

He also did not care for the U.S. divorce customs, in which the woman and man split their assets. In Dinka divorces, the men get

their cows back.

He had returned to the Sudan in the summer of 1986 to find a wife, but he failed. Last summer, a cousin fixed him up with Atong, and they were married in Khartoum on July 17.

Married life "is very nice," said Bol, who is popular with teammates and opponents because of his affable nature.

Sometime soon, if injuries stop interfering, he and Bogues will get

a chance to play together. Bol would like to play with Bogues, whose defense is predicated on gambling for steals.

"It makes sense for us to play together," Bol said. "He can help me a lot with big men. He can come in with a double team and really bother the big men. And I can help him. He can go for the steals."

Loughery said it would take time to determine whether they will be able to play together. The Bullets

shook up their roster the last week of the preseason, obtaining four new players.

"That kind of set us back in terms of some of the things we wanted to take a look at," Loughery said.

"We're still trying to get everyone familiar with everyone else. I'm not sure how Muggsy and Manute will work out together yet. Ask me again in a month."

Regardless, it will be interesting.

## Sparks... But No Real Blazes Yet

By ROY S. JOHNSON

NEW YORK—Maybe it's simply the nature of the beast.

In 1969, the Phoenix Suns lost a coin toss with the Milwaukee Bucks that cost them the right to draft Lew Alcindor, the slender center from UCLA who is now known, of course, as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, with the No. 1 overall selection in the National Basketball Association draft. The beleaguered Suns never recovered from that ill-fated flip, and since then the aura and expectations that surround the league's top selection each season haven't faded.

As the annointed best players in the country, these elite draft choices have been expected to bring with them boundless success, even to those downtrodden franchises for which winning a title, in reality, is little more than a passing fantasy. And yet each year they're chosen, and each year—more often than not—we wait.

For two such players—Ralph Sampson and Pat Ewing—the waiting continues.

Perhaps no two top draft choices since Abdul-Jabbar have joined the NBA amid more fanfare, pomp and circumstance than Sampson, the No. 1 overall choice of the Houston Rockets in 1983, and Ewing, who won the honor two years later, courtesy of the New York Knicks. Sampson, the 7-4 All-America center from Virginia, was selected by a team that had stumbled to just 14 victories the previous season and fired its coach, Del Harris. Meanwhile, Ewing, the commanding seven-footer from Georgetown, landed in the laps of the hapless Knicks, who had won only 24 games in the 1984-85 season—as well as the league's first draft lottery.

As pros, both players have shown sparks of their collegiate brilliance, teasing glimpses of the kind of dominance they were supposed to provide when they played for pay. But when measured by how they were supposed to affect the success of the Rockets and Knicks, both Sampson and Ewing have fallen well short of expectations.

Consider these historical improvements of teams that collected celebrated centers as the first player in the draft:

■ In Abdul-Jabbar's rookie season, the Bucks not only won 29 more games than they did the previous season, but they also reached the conference finals.

■ In the 1970-71 season, the Detroit Pistons reaped a 14-game



Neither Ralph Sampson (left) nor Patrick Ewing has brought the expected success to his team.

improvement after selecting Bob Lanier of St. Bonaventure.

■ Four seasons later, Bill Walton led Portland to an 11-game improvement.

■ Even the Golden State Warriors won 15 more games during the 1980-81 season with Joe Barry Carroll than they did without him the previous season.

While the Rockets won 15

more games during Sampson's rookie season than they did in the 1982-83 campaign, it wasn't enough to keep them out of the Midwest Division basement. It wasn't until Houston nabbed Akeem Olajuwon in 1984 that it became a contender.

Ewing's first-year reviews were even bleaker: The Knicks won fewer games (23) in the 1985-

86 season than they did the year before his arrival, with Eddie Lee Wilkins as their starting center. Things didn't improve later, either, as New York limped to a 24-58 record last season—largely without Ewing, who was sidelined for 19 games with knee problems. As a rookie, he missed 32 games.

To some, such shortcomings were not surprising, considering the recent flood of collegiate talent that has made the league more competitive than ever.

"I think it's the natural tendency to say these kids will make a big difference, and some kids can," says Al Bianchi, who became the Knicks' general manager this season after more than a decade as an assistant coach in Phoenix. "But what happened with them (Sampson and Ewing) really shows what kind of gap has grown between the college game and the pro game in the last few years. You're just not going to have the kind of monumental improvement teams had in previous years because the overall talent is better. Look at the kind of situation Patrick came into. It wasn't easy. And when Olajuwon went to Houston, Sampson was already there, and there was another

## Status Quo, Almost

The regular-season won-loss records for Houston and New York since Ralph Sampson and Pat Ewing came on board:

### RALPH SAMPSON

Season	Overall			With Sampson In Lineup		
	W.	L.	Pct.	W.	L.	Pct.
1983-84	29	53	.354	29	53	.354
1984-85	48	34	.585	48	34	.585
1985-86	51	31	.622	49	30	.620
1986-87	42	40	.512	21	22	.488
1987-88	9	7	.563	8	7	.563
Totals	179	165	.520	156	146	.517

### PAT EWING

Season	Overall			With Ewing In Lineup		
	W.	L.	Pct.	W.	L.	Pct.
1985-86	23	59	.280	18	32	.360
1986-87	24	58	.293	20	43	.317
1987-88	4	12	.250	4	12	.250
Totals	51	129	.283	42	87	.326

NOTE: Won-loss record for 1987-88 is through December 7.

## A Special Player, A Special Bed

SEATTLE—When the Washington Bullets played in Seattle on November 21, Manute Bol was able to stretch out in an eight-foot bed ordered especially for him by the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Linda Anderson, the hotel's sales and marketing director, said the bed for the 7-7 Bol was 16 inches longer than the standard king-size length of 80 inches. She said the Bullets did not request the special bed.

"I am an NBA fan and so is our general manager," Anderson said. "We were looking for a nice amenity. I'm sure Manute has been cramped sleeping on regular king-size beds."

The rest of the Bullets, including 5-3 Tyrone Bogues, slept on 80-inch beds.

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## STATISTICS

## THROUGH GAMES OF NOVEMBER 30

## ATLANTA HAWKS

Player	G.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	Blk.	Pts.	Avg.
Wilkins	11	94	227	.414	70	89	.787	69	36	6	4	260	23.6
Rivers	10	50	109	.459	40	54	.741	41	89	27	3	140	14.0
Willis	12	66	128	.516	26	46	.565	106	4	9	7	158	13.2
Wittman	12	65	129	.504	8	12	.667	17	36	8	3	138	11.5
Battle	12	55	111	.495	23	31	.742	19	25	9	1	133	11.1
Levingston	12	37	63	.587	19	29	.655	72	9	6	7	93	7.8
Webb	12	35	65	.538	18	26	.692	28	67	11	2	88	7.3
Carr	12	28	59	.475	22	31	.710	42	14	3	13	78	6.5
Koncak	12	25	57	.439	27	42	.643	109	6	18	15	77	6.4
McGee	9	14	39	.359	2	6	.333	11	11	4	0	33	3.7
Rollins	8	9	22	.409	1	11	.000	34	2	7	9	19	2.4
Hastings	7	2	6	.333	5	5	1.000	12	2	0	1	9	1.3

## BOSTON CELTICS

Player	G.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	Blk.	Pts.	Avg.
Bird	10	94	180	.522	60	62	.968	98	64	15	7	258	25.8
Ainge	14	104	218	.477	27	33	.818	48	73	17	1	259	18.5
Parish	14	95	170	.559	37	60	.617	152	28	11	11	227	16.2
Johnson	14	74	158	.468	61	70	.871	47	102	14	8	210	15.0
Daye	14	70	132	.530	47	67	.701	43	43	15	1	187	13.4
Roberts	14	62	121	.512	34	48	.708	49	21	4	5	158	11.3
Lewis	13	28	66	.424	13	19	.684	20	11	6	5	69	5.3
Acres	14	22	44	.500	13	25	.520	59	13	4	5	57	4.1
Lohaus	12	18	46	.391	12	14	.857	33	7	2	8	48	4.0
Sichting	10	8	21	.381	3	5	.600	5	17	7	0	19	1.9
Kite	10	5	14	.357	0	0		18	1	2	6	10	1.0

## CHICAGO BULLS

Player	G.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	Blk.	Pts.	Avg.
Jordan	13	151	307	.492	127	146	.870	71	78	48	18	430	33.1
Oakley	13	74	150	.493	58	77	.753	206	36	10	3	207	15.9
Pippen	13	55	118	.466	24	39	.615	49	28	23	7	135	10.4
Sellers	13	58	136	.426	11	16	.688	42	26	8	4	127	9.8
Paxson	13	53	107	.495	9	11	.818	20	61	8	0	119	9.2
Corzine	13	42	68	.618	21	26	.808	68	21	7	16	105	8.1
Threault	13	35	71	.493	8	10	.800	14	28	6	0	78	6.0
Gilmore	13	25	48	.521	9	16	.563	40	4	2	8	59	4.5
Grant	13	21	51	.412	10	20	.500	44	9	10	3	52	4.0
Sparrow	13	16	54	.296	1	2	.500	10	28	10	0	34	2.6
Walters	1	1	3	.333	0	0		1	0	0	0	2	2.0
Brown	7	2	7	.286	1	4	.250	11	0	2	0	5	0.7

## CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

Player	G.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	Blk.	Pts.	Avg.
Harper	2	16	35	.457	13	24	.542	11	11	5	4	46	23.0
Daugherty	11	73	152	.480	54	82	.659	102	52	7	10	200	18.2
Curry	11	65	146	.445	24	28	.857	26	36	22	3	158	14.4
Hubbard	11	43	85	.506	44	56	.786	57	11	9	1	130	11.8
Price	10	50	100	.500	22	24	.917	23	62	15	2	127	11.5
West	11	49	84	.583	22	36	.611	65	14	4	15	120	10.9
Corbin	11	41	79	.519	24	26	.923	50	13	15	3	106	9.6
Ke. Johnson	10	33	68	.485	14	19	.737	16	36	11	2	80	8.0
Williams	6	15	44	.341	18	26	.692	29	12	4	9	48	8.0
Ehlo	11	30	61	.492	14	21	.667	26	22	15	5	77	7.0
Dudley	6	11	26	.423	7	8	.875	22	1	0	4	29	4.8
Rogers	6	13	27	.481	3	5	.600	10	1	1	2	29	4.8
Ka. Johnson	2	1	3	.333	0	0		0	0	0	0	2	1.0

## DALLAS MAVERICKS

Player	G.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	Blk.	Pts.	Avg.
Aguirre	11	115	224	.513	54	80	.675	60	24	9	12	288	26.2
Blackman	12	83	176	.472	56	61	.918	30	40	17	4	222	18.5
Harper	12	77	174	.443	36	50	.720	42	94	18	7	195	16.3
Perkins	12	57	122	.467	47	66	.712	78	14	9	9	162	13.5
Tarpley	12	61	133	.459	17	22	.773	127	14	17	16	139	11.6
Schrempf	12	27	64	.422	19	25	.760	28	25	8	2	74	6.2
Donaldson	12	25	57	.439	21	27	.778	100	7	5	14	71	5.9
David	6	11	19	.579	2	21	.000	5	29	3	0	26	4.3
Alford	4	7	23	.304	7	8	.875	9	12	8	1	21	5.3
Farmer	4	4	9	.444	3	4	.750	4	4	1	0	11	2.8
Blab	12	10	23	.435	12	20	.600	28	15	3	7	32	2.7
Wenington	5	4	9	.444	3	4	.750	6	0	0	4	12	2.4

## DENVER NUGGETS

Player	G.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	Blk.	Pts.	Avg.
English	12	121	244	.496	46	60	.767	44	46	8	2	288	24.0
Lever	12	93	200	.465	37	48	.771	99	109	36	0	225	18.8
Natt	11	64	125	.512	30	40	.750	38	28	6	2	158	14.4
Schayes	12	53	108	.491	66	82	.805	108	17	12	11	172	14.3
Vincent	11	56	120	.467	19	26	.731	30	7	7	4	131	11.9
Cooper	11	47	92	.511	25	31	.806	81	11	4	35	119	10.8
Rasmussen	9	31	67	.463	18	21	.857	57	16	2	14	80	8.9
Smith	10	31	79	.392	16	23	.696	28	9	4	6	78	7.8
Adams	12	32	71	.451	13	14	.929	27	66	20	1	84	7.0
Dunn	12	20	35	.571	9	11	.818	39	22	19	1	49	4.1
Hanzlik	11	13	40	.325	17	19	.895	12	16	6	0	43	3.9

## DETROIT PISTONS

Player	G.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	Blk.	Pts.	Avg.
Dantley	12	70	145	.483	88	100	.880	44	38	4	3	228	19.0
Thomas	12	86	189	.455	46	60	.767	50	87	21	4	221	18.4
Johnson	12	83	178	.466	37	50	.740	43	44	8	4	203	16.9
Laimbeer	12	70	143	.490	35	38	.921	112	19	14	11	177	14.8
Dumas	12	58	122	.475	51	65	.785	28	57	11	1	168	14.0
Rodman	12	65	114	.570	37	61	.607	95	21	14	7	167	13.9
Salley	12	42	71	.592	32	47	.681	62	17	8	27	116	9.7
Mahorn	12	39	71	.549	22	30	.733	101	6	5	8	100	8.3
Dawkins	5	2	9	.222	6	15	.400	5	1	0	2	10	2.0
Bedford	9	6	17	.353	3	4	.750	8	1	2	3	15	1.7
Lewis	8	1	13	.077	4	6	.667	7	4	2	1	6	0.8
Moore	3	1	11	.000	0	0		1	1	0	0	2	0.7
Nevitt	3	0	5	.000	0	0		4	0	0	0	0	0.0

## GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS

Player	G.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	Blk.	Pts.	Avg.
Floyd	12	95	214	.444	91	108	.843	66	125	25	1	282	23.5
Mullin	12	96	196	.490	40	45	.889	43	55	20	7	238	19.7
Higgins	12	75	139	.540	46	56	.821	59	23	10	3	196	16.3
Carroll	8	46	135	.341	31	43	.721	64	10	8	14	123	15.4
McDonald	12	51	109	.468	16	20	.800	73	19	7	0	121	10.1
Teague	3	9	20	.450	3	4	.750	2	1	0	1	21	7.0
Frank	12	24	82	.293	25	31	.806	46	5	8	5	73	6.1
Whitehead	12	28	61	.459	12	14	.857	53	5	5	4	68	5.7
Smith	3	7	15	.467	0	1	.000	20	5	1	1	14	4.7
Washburn	4	7	18	.389	3	4	.750	8	2	1	0	17	4.3
Feit	9	16	39	.410	6	6	1.000	38	4	0	2	38	4.2
Henderson	4	3	6	.500	0	0		38	4	0	0	6	1.5

## HOUSTON ROCKETS

Player	G.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	Blk.	Pts.	Avg.
Olajuwon .....	13	97	189	.513	48	80	.600	137	19	27	34	242	18.6
Sampson .....	13	89	202	.441	43	55	.782	112	24	15	25	222	17.1
McCray .....	13	62	140	.443	53	62	.855	88	42	15	5	177	13.6
Free .....	13	64	140	.457	36	44	.818	23	23	9	1	169	13.0
Leavell .....	13	46	112	.411	47	54	.870	32	61	19	2	145	11.2
Harris .....	11	33	85	.388	14	15	.933	21	17	8	2	80	7.3
Short .....	13	38	99	.384	14	18	.778	30	15	13	1	90	6.9
Maxwell .....	13	24	50	.480	32	41	.780	45	12	7	0	80	6.2
Johnson .....	8	12	22	.545	3	6	.500	12	3	4	6	27	3.4
Turner .....	12	12	34	.353	10	14	.714	8	23	7	1	35	2.9



## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## NOTEBOOK

## EAST

Duquesne lost its first season opener since the 1966-67 season, giving up its most points ever and suffering its worst defeat ever in a 133-78 loss to Arizona in the first round of the Great Alaska Shoot-out.

Correction: Army graduate assistant coach Kevin Houston, the leading scorer in NCAA Division I last season with an average of 32.9 points a game, is one of only two major college players to average 30 points a game since 1980.

George Washington signee J.J. Hudock of Kinston (N.C.) High School is the son of Jim Hudock, who played for North Carolina and was Tar Heels Coach Dean Smith's first captain at Chapel Hill. . . . Junior college recruit Cal Foster of Providence was suspended several days for disciplinary reasons.

## SOUTH

Smith said the punishment given two of his Carolina players for their roles in a nightclub fracas was excessive. Forward Steve Bucknall received a 30-day suspended sentence and center J.R. Reid was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service for their involvement in an October 24 fight, which left a North Carolina State student with a chipped tooth and a cut near his eye that required nine stitches. After they al-

legedly were provoked, Reid spat in the student's face and Bucknall threw a punch. "It's hard to conceive spitting as an assault," Smith said. "If that is true, I've been assaulted several times just walking from the dressing rooms to the court at N.C. State, even with FBI agents present."

Redshirt freshman forward Pete Chilcutt, whose shot at the end of regulation set up North Carolina's overtime victory over Syracuse in the Hall of Fame Tip-Off Classic, wears a protective pad under his uniform to protect his only kidney. "They didn't even know that I only had one until I was 15," said Chilcutt, who was born with only one kidney. "This (pad) is just a double protection to make sure nothing happens." . . . Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski was miffed when he was asked why his team would play such an outmanned team after his club clobbered East Carolina. "I hate questions like that," he said after the Blue Devils topped East Carolina for the 16th consecutive time since 1970. Duke has won 37 straight non-league home games. . . . It may have been a first on December 3 when the men's and women's teams from Stetson played the wire services' No. 1 teams in both divisions on the same night. The men's team from Stetson lost at North Carolina, 86-74, despite an 18-1 spurt for the Hatters midway through the second half. Meanwhile, the women's team from Stetson lost at Tennessee, 102-59, in the first regular-season game ever played in the Volun-

teers' 25,000-seat Thompson-Boling Assembly Center, the nation's largest on-campus arena.

Vanderbilt's Barry Booker hit all six of his three-point shots in the Commodores' 102-91 win over Lehigh November 30. . . . Jacksonville guard Curtis Taylor, a transfer from Illinois, was suspended for several days from the Dolphins' team after he missed a team meeting and was late for a practice. . . . Virginia's loss to Rhode Island in November was only the Cavaliers' second loss to a non-conference opponent in their last 60 home games.

## MIDWEST

Chicago Mayor Harold Washington's death evoked memories of the last time a death touched such a responsive chord in Chicagoans—the shooting death of local high school sensation Ben Wilson, considered the nation's No. 1 prep prospect three years ago. Wilson died November 21, 1984, the day before Thanksgiving. Mayor Washington also died on Thanksgiving eve. Eerily, Washington wrote the preface in "To Benji With Love," a book written by Mary Wilson, Ben's mother.

The Big Four Classic in Indianapolis was a classic example of why few freshmen have much of an impact for marquee schools. Consider the point totals for these touted newcomers: Louisville's LaBradford Smith (3), Notre Dame's Keith Robinson (0) and Tim Singleton (4), Indiana's Jay Edwards (2) and Kentucky's LeRon Ellis (0) and

## ON THE SIDELINE

Player	School	Pos.	Class	Reason
Jeff Arms	Tenn. Tech	G	Soph.	Sidelined because of back injury.
Alex Austin	Arizona State	F	Jr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Tim Bankston	Loyola (Ill.)	G	Jr.	Sidelined because of broken hand.
Barry Bekkedam	Villanova	C-F	Soph.	Out at least two weeks with knee injury.
Reggie Bell	Xavier	F	Soph.	Suspended for disciplinary reasons.
Matt Blundin	Virginia	F	Fr.	Out after arthroscopic knee surgery.
Jack Bolly	UNC Charlotte	C	Fr.	Lost for season with back ailment.
Dwight Boyd	Memphis State	G	Sr.	Out about one month—broken finger.
Joe Busateri	Austin Peay St.	C-F	Jr.	Sidelined because of mononucleosis.
Chris Corchiani	N.C. State	G	Fr.	Sidelined because of mononucleosis.
Mike Cottrell	Western Car.	G	Fr.	Dropped off squad.
Pete Freeman	Duquesne	F-C	Soph.	Sidelined three weeks with ankle injury.
Kevin Gaskins	Providence	G	Fr.	Dropped off squad.
Gerald Harris	Middle Tenn. St.	G	Soph.	Sidelined because of strained knee.
Marvin Harvey	Texas Southern	G	Jr.	Dismissed for disciplinary reasons.
Rodney Holden	Marshall	F	Sr.	Out after arthroscopic knee surgery.
Jim Horton	Missouri	C	Fr.	Out 3 weeks—stress fracture in foot.
Lemuel Howard	Miami (Fla.)	F	Soph.	Will transfer to another school.
Sly Hunter	St. Mary's	G-F	Sr.	Lost for season with broken ankle.
Eric Leslie	Villanova	G	Soph.	Will transfer to another school.
Ed McCrystal	St. Joseph's	G	Fr.	Out because of stress fracture in leg.
Ronn McMahon	Eastern Wash.	G	Jr.	Sidelined because of broken foot.
Bobby Mills	Maryland-BC	G	Soph.	Lost for season because of neck injury.
Matt Palazzi	Providence	G	Jr.	Dropped out of school.
Tony Panzica	UT-San Antonio	G	Soph.	Dropped off team.
David Peed	Eastern Wash.	F	Jr.	Sidelined because of foot injury.
Brian Quinnett	Washington St.	F	Sr.	Lost for season with broken ankle.
Rob Ross	Northwestern	G	Jr.	Sidelined by knee injury.
Jeff Roulston	South Carolina	C	Fr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Bobby Russell	South Florida	G	Fr.	Lost for season with knee injury.
Steve Schureman	Virginia Tech	G	Fr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
A. Shamsid-Deen	Providence	C-F	Soph.	Out until January with broken ankle.
Anthony Taylor	Oregon	G	Sr.	Sidelined because of broken toe.
Aubrey Walton	St. Mary's	F	Soph.	Transferred to Southern Calif. College.
Mike Yoest	West Virginia	F	Fr.	Sidelined because of fractured finger.

Eric Manuel (0).

In an amazing individual turnaround, senior center Lafester Rhodes scored more points (99) in Iowa State's four games in the Big Apple National Invitation Tournament than in the any of his previous three seasons with the Cyclones. Rhodes entered this season with a career scoring average of 3.8 points per game. . . . Jim Burr,

the referee who ejected Indiana Coach Bobby Knight from an exhibition game against the Soviet National team, was scheduled to officiate the Hoosiers' game against Notre Dame December 1, but was replaced at his request by fellow Big Ten Conference official Jim Bain. Burr assessed three technical fouls against Knight in the contest (Continued on Page 43, Column 1)

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## ROUNDUP

## Perdue Steps on Heels

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—If the first dark cloud of North Carolina's season—a 78-76 loss at Vanderbilt December 5—has a silver lining, it is this: Indiana was a 79-75 upset victim of the Commodores last season, yet marched to the national championship.

The Tar Heels entered the game ranked No. 1 by everybody except THE SPORTING NEWS. But the youngest team Dean Smith has fielded in 21 seasons found itself bombed from the outside—including 5-of-7 marksmanship from three-point range by 6-8 freshman forward Charles Mayes—and pounded on the inside.

Doing the inside pounding was 7-foot, 240-pound senior Will Perdue, heretofore better known for college basketball's largest feet (size 21AAAAAAA) than for his prodigious feats. Perdue had 23 points on 10-of-14 shooting, 10 rebounds, four dunks, two blocked shots and the distinction of sending Carolina's two best big men—

J.R. Reid and Scott Williams—to the sideline with five fouls.

"I thought we played very well, but we're not very good," said Smith, whose Tar Heels (4-1) shot only 47 percent. "We're not the No. 1 team in the country. Perdue was just too much for us."

Perdue was on the sideline with four fouls when the Commodores fell behind, 60-54. But he returned for a 22-9 burst that put Vandy ahead by seven points with less than 10 seconds to play. The sellout crowd of 15,626 in Memorial Gymnasium almost began its wild mid-court celebration prematurely, however.

Kevin Madden's three-pointer with nine seconds to go trimmed Carolina's deficit to four. Barry Booker made two free throws one second later, giving Vandy (3-0) a six-point edge. Jeff Lebo—who made six of the Heels' 10 three-pointers—connected for a trey, and Steve Bucknall's steal gave Carolina a chance to tie the

score if it could convert another three-pointer in the final two seconds. But Lebo was hammered by Booker on the shot and made only one of two free throws as the comeback fell two points short.

"The way Coach Smith milked the clock bordered on genius," said Vandy Coach C.M. Newton. "I thought the level of play and the intensity of both teams was outstanding. That's what college basketball is and should be. This is a very significant win for us. I don't know who the No. 1 team is, but I certainly know that North Carolina is one of the top six or seven teams in the country."

Said Reid: "We didn't think we were No. 1 going into the season. We don't think we're No. 1 now—as we showed tonight."

The upset was still as satisfying for Perdue as, say, finding a suitable pair of shoes.

"We did the same thing last year (against Indiana), but this ranks as the best," he said. "We knew we could win. Last year, we weren't sure."

RICHARD SOWERS

## Odds &amp; Ends

**Player of the Week:** Bradley guard Hersey Hawkins erupted for 42 points as the Braves kicked off the season with their 33rd straight home-opening win, a 111-94 romp past New Orleans. Hawkins converted 13 of 25 shots from the floor, including four of eight from three-point range, and 12 of 13 free throws. More than half of Bradley's 39 field goals were layups or dunks. The Privateers missed their first eight shots and trailed by as many as 32 points.

**Individual Brilliance:** Marist center Rik Smits was named most valuable player of the Marist Classic after collecting a total of 60 points, 25 rebounds and eight blocked shots in victories over Brooklyn (80-53) and Niagara (67-49). . . . Loyola of Chicago is calling this the silver-and-gold season—the silver anniversary of the 1963 NCAA championship—and has new gold uniforms for the celebration. Ramblers fans already are celebrating the arrival of center Kenny Miller, who should be one of the nation's top freshman scorers and rebounders. Miller, who sat out last year as a Proposition 48 casualty, had 25 points and 25 rebounds in a 108-93 win over Oral Roberts.

All-America guard David Rivers' career-high 32 points led

Notre Dame to a 69-54 rout of Louisville in the opener of the Big Four Classic doubleheader played before 43,601 fans at the Hoosier Dome.

**Luck of the Irish:** If Notre Dame ever joins a conference, the Irish better steer clear of the Big Ten as long as Digger Phelps is their coach. Phelps' record against the Big Ten in his 17 years at Notre Dame fell to 15-25 when the Irish lost at Indiana, 76-59. Excluding Northwestern, which has only one winning league mark in the last 27 years, Notre Dame has an 8-23 mark against the Big Ten under Phelps.

**Upset Specials:** Wake Forest appeared bound for another brutal season in the Atlantic Coast Conference after losing at home to Siena (72-67) and Furman (80-68). Furman's victory ended the Paladins' 23-game losing streak against ACC opponents. . . . Navy lost at home for only the fifth time in five years when the Midshipmen succumbed against Slippery Rock, 89-81, in overtime. . . . Holy Cross, which posted a losing record in each of the previous four seasons, blew an 11-point second-half lead before Scooter Tropf's three-point basket with six seconds left gave the Crusaders a 99-98 win at Providence. The Friars, a Final Four team last year, then got wiped out at

Utah, 86-62. . . . Guard Ellis McKennie's layup with one second left lifted George Washington to a 65-64 win at Michigan State.

**That's Incredible:** A desperation three-point basket at the buzzer by Mark Girardi gave Rice a 62-60 triumph at Missouri-Kansas City, spoiling the Kangaroos' NCAA Division I debut. Girardi hit the 30-footer on a play that started with a missed Kangaroos free throw with two seconds left. "There's no way possible that basket should have counted," said Kangaroos Coach Lee Hunt. "Time was out, and the horn didn't sound. It was a malfunction in the clock."

DePaul, after overcoming a 13-point second-half deficit, nearly blew an eight-point lead in the last 15 seconds of overtime. DePaul led 88-80 when Terence Greene was ejected for punching a Niagara player and Kevin Golden was assessed a technical foul for leaving DePaul's bench. Niagara's Mark Henry made four free throws to trim the deficit to 88-84 before teammate Eldridge Moore canned a three-pointer with 10 seconds left for the final score (88-87). DePaul's Brad Niemann missed the front end of a one-and-one free-throw opportunity with eight seconds left, but Stanley Brundy blocked Henry's 18-footer as time expired.

the game. Tedder tossed in 26 points in an eight-minute span bridging the first and second halves, when Ohio Wesleyan went from a 13-point deficit to a 17-point lead. Tedder, who also contributed eight assists, is expected to surpass former National Basketball Association veteran Barry Clemens' school career scoring mark this season.

■ Marquette and Virginia became the 52nd and 53rd major colleges to reach 1,000 wins. Marquette gained No. 1,000 with

a 67-61 nod over visiting Xavier December 5. The next day, Virginia posted No. 1,000 with a 72-59 win at Connecticut.

■ Kansas shot a school record 75.9 percent from the floor (41-for-54) in a 94-38 pounding of Pomona-Pitzer (Calif.).

■ Jeff Martin, a 6-6 junior forward, became Murray State's career leader in blocked shots.

■ Jim Rhode's seven steals tied an Idaho State record, but it wasn't enough to keep the Bengals from bowing to Boise State, 62-49, November 28.

## TSN's Top Twenty

**1 PITTSBURGH (2-0):** The Panthers led by only two points at intermission, but freshman guard Sean Miller dished out six second-half assists and connected on all six of his three-point field-goal attempts to help them pull away to an 88-70 victory over St. Francis (Pa.).

**2 IOWA (6-0):** Bill Jones and Al Lorenzen, who both averaged less than four points per game last year as juniors, combined to make two-thirds of their field-goal attempts and average 15 and 13 points, respectively, in three victories. The Hawkeyes beat Navy, 91-61, and California-Irvine, 124-88, in the Amana-Hawkeye Classic after dumping Drake, 70-59, in an intrastate clash. Their outburst against California-Irvine was a school record.

**3 TEMPLE (1-0):** Freshman guard Mark Macon wasn't gun-shy, hitting 10 of 27 field-goal attempts in his first college game to pace the Owls to an 81-76 win at UCLA. The Bruins hit only five of 16 free throws.

**4 ARIZONA (5-0):** The Wildcats blew a 12-point lead midway through the second half of the championship game of the Great Alaska Shootout, but they recovered to upend Syracuse, 80-69. Sean Elliott, voted the most outstanding player in the Shootout, then scored a game-high 23 points in a 94-62 drubbing of Long Beach State and contributed 16 in a 73-68 nod over Pepperdine.

**5 NORTH CAROLINA (4-1):** The Tar Heels were outrebounded in both of their games—an 86-74 triumph over Stetson and a 78-76 reversal at Vanderbilt. Guard Jeff Lebo made only six of 17 shots from the floor against Vandy.

**6 SYRACUSE (4-2):** The host Orangemen, bouncing back from their loss to Arizona, whipped South Florida, 111-65, and TCU, 87-58, in the Carrier Classic. South Florida suffered its worst setback ever. Syracuse standouts Sherman Douglas, Rony Seikaly and Derrick Coleman combined to shoot better than 80 percent from the floor (37-for-46) in the two wins.

**7 MISSOURI (2-0):** Derrick Chievous got off to a slow start, hitting only eight of 30 field-goal attempts, but Nathan Buntin took up the slack with 15-of-21 shooting from the floor as the host Tigers topped North Texas State, 74-56, and Eastern Michigan in double overtime, 77-75, in the Show-Me Classic. Lee Coward hit a game-winning jumper against Eastern after Arkansas transfer Byron Irvin furnished 27 points to help Mizzou erase a 17-point deficit.

**8 FLORIDA (4-1):** The visiting Gators trimmed a 20-point halftime deficit to three before running out of time as SMU hung on for an 82-76 victory. Florida connected on only 11 of 24 free-throw attempts.

**9 WYOMING (3-0):** Fennis Dembo popped in a team-high 19 points in a 100-68 triumph at Colorado and had a game-high 30 points in an 84-65 success against Texas Tech.

**10 OKLAHOMA (3-0):** Impressive second-half outbursts carried the Sooners to victories over Penn State (93-59) and Loyola of Chicago (123-73). After intermission, Oklahoma outscored Penn State, 57-31, and Loyola, 70-37. Oklahoma's Harvey Grant grabbed a Lloyd Noble Center record 23 rebounds against Loyola.

**11 KENTUCKY (3-0):** Rex Chapman hit only six of 18 field-goal attempts against Indiana, but one of his baskets was a three-pointer in overtime to give the Wildcats the lead for good in an 82-76 triumph. Earlier, Chapman had a team-high 22 points in a 101-77 romp past Cincinnati—the first 100-point performance by Kentucky in six years.

**12 KANSAS (4-2):** The Jayhawks, powered by Danny Manning's 30 points, led by 21 with less than 3 1/2 minutes left at Western Carolina before holding on for a 68-63 success. Then, Manning was held scoreless for the first 10 1/2 minutes against St. John's before finishing with 21 in a 63-54 win over the Redmen.

**13 PURDUE (4-1):** Kip Jones hit all nine of his field-goal attempts in an 80-78 overtime win at Wichita State and made eight of nine shots from the floor in an 88-62 rout of Oregon. Earlier, the Boilermakers erased a seven-point deficit midway through the second half to post a 68-61 victory at Illinois State.

**14 GEORGETOWN (3-0):** The Hoyas had won their first three games against weak foes by an average of nearly 47 points after victimizing VMI, 81-45.

**15 INDIANA (2-1):** The Hoosiers, living and dying with their guards, got a total of 46 points from Keith Smart, Steve Eyi and Jay Edwards in a 76-59 win over Notre Dame, but only 11 from that trio in their overtime loss to Kentucky in a game in which neither team led by more than six points.

**16 DUKE (3-0):** The Blue Devils hit fewer than 60 percent of their free throws, or else their margins of victory would have been even greater as they demolished East Carolina, 94-45, and Northwestern, 79-57.

**17 GEORGIA TECH (3-1):** Swingman Anthony Sherrod grabbed an offensive rebound and sank a jumper at the buzzer to give the Yellow Jackets a 78-77 win over Georgia. Earlier, a pair of baskets on offensive rebounds by guard Brian Oliver down the stretch helped Tech defeat Jackson State, 79-71.

**18 AUBURN (2-0):** The Tigers had a 25-point advantage cut to six before regrouping for a 93-80 victory over Virginia Commonwealth.

**19 MEMPHIS STATE (3-0):** The visiting Tigers, allowing only one field goal in the last 5:42, thwarted upset-minded Arkansas State, 60-59. The Indians missed a 12-foot shot at the buzzer in an arena-dedication game played before 10,766 fans, the largest crowd ever to see a basketball game in Arkansas.

**20 MICHIGAN (4-1):** Playmaker deluxe Gary Grant collected 26 points and eight assists in a 92-71 triumph over Bowling Green and 18 points and eight assists in a 97-67 romp past Central Michigan.

**BEST OF THE REST:** 21. Nevada-Las Vegas (3-0); 22. Bradley (1-0); 23. North Carolina State (2-0); 24. Kansas State (5-0); 25. Southern Mississippi (1-0); 26. Notre Dame (1-1); 27. Seton Hall (6-1); 28. Illinois (4-1); 29. New Orleans (1-1); 30. Louisville (0-1); 31. St. John's (3-1); 32. Iowa State (5-1); 33. West Virginia (3-0); 34. Brigham Young (4-0); 35. Vanderbilt (3-0); 36. Ohio State (4-0); 37. DePaul (2-1); 38. Clemson (4-0); 39. Villanova (4-1); 40. Texas-El Paso (3-0).

## Milestones

■ Scott Tedder, a 6-2 senior guard for Ohio Wesleyan, became one of the few small college players ever to score 50 or more points against a major college opponent when he scored 50, including a game-clinching layup with 20 seconds remaining, in a 122-115 triumph at Ohio University on November 28. The record for most points by two teams in a game involving a Mid-American Conference school was shattered in



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with the Soviet Union, and Knight pulled his team, trailing, 67-44, off the floor with 15 minutes remaining.

A question that wasn't asked in the wake of the Knight-Soviet fiasco: Would Knight have led his charges off the court if Indiana had been leading by 23 points? ... Indiana guard Joe Hillman has been sidelined by a lower back problem.

James Jones, center for Division I newcomer Wright State, is only 6-4, but he already holds the school records for blocked shots in a career, season and game. His older brother is former Louisville star Charles Jones, currently playing for the Portland Trail Blazers.

Juco recruit Jerome Stainback tied an Indiana State single-game record when he blocked five shots against Fredonia (N.Y.) State in his first game for the Sycamores.

Swingman Kevin Haddock, who shot nearly 60 percent from the floor for Evansville last season, has transferred to Youngstown State.

## NEAR WEST

Chris Piper, a starter in all but one game at forward last season for Kansas, and adapting to a sixth-man role this year, was sidelined after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his left knee. ... Kansas plans to redshirt sophomore forward Mark Randall, who needs surgery to correct a problem in his nasal passages that hampers his breathing. ... Oklahoma State got off to a shaky start, losing to host Brigham Young-Hawaii, 62-59, in the Ala Moana Tournament. The Cowboys hope juco guard Hank Ellis can help turn things around when he joins the team at the end of the first semester after finishing requirements for his associate's degree. ... Standout juco forward Freddie Williams, expected to sit out this year because of a blood disorder, was given medical clearance to play just before the start of Lamar's season. He promptly earned a spot on the San Juan Shootout all-tournament team. Said Lamar Coach Tom Abatemarco: "I was amazed by how well he played considering he had not picked up a basketball in two months."

Oral Roberts center Kenzie Scott was suspended for a couple of games because of insubordination during the Titans' 88-80 loss to North Texas State in their home opener. ... Contrary to earlier reports, juco standout Anthony Jones, a forward from Connors State (Okla.), did not sign with Oral Roberts during the early signing period.

Swingman John Staggars, a prep All-America from Los Angeles, signed a national letter-of-intent with Texas-El Paso. ... Eastern Michigan dropout Carl Brown has surfaced at Arkansas-Little Rock.

Former Boston College center

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John Heath is now attending Southwestern (Tex.).

## FAR WEST

UCLA booster Sam Gilbert was named in a racketeering indictment that was unsealed in Miami the week after his death on November 21. Also indicted was his son, Michael. A federal grand jury

in Miami accused the two men, as well as four others, of racketeering, racketeering conspiracy and laundering money. The six allegedly imported and distributed marijuana, then laundered and invested the profits through foreign and domestic corporate fronts, the indictment said. ... Montana State forward Tom Domako, the Big Sky

Conference's player of the year last season, had eight three-point baskets in the Bobcats' season opener, but it wasn't enough as they bowed at Brigham Young, 90-89.

Numerous players weren't ready for the start of the season for various reasons: UCLA redshirt forward Stu Meinert (recovering

from reconstructive knee surgery), Santa Clara guard Chris Lane (arthroscopic knee surgery), San Francisco forward Jerald Jones (apparently didn't have enough academic credits to qualify), San Francisco guard Kevin Ellis (twisted ankle) and California-Santa Barbara frontcourt player Greg Trygstad (bronchial infection).



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## HOCKEY

## HEADLINERS

## Savard: Was He Hired to Be Fired?

Some coaches are hired to be fired.

Andre Savard appeared to be doomed from the beginning in his attempt to replace Michel Bergeron as coach of the Quebec Nordiques. Mike Murphy took over behind the bench of the Los Angeles Kings last season when Pat Quinn was suspended by the National Hockey League. Neither made it much beyond the quarter-pole this season before being fired.

On December 4, Savard became the first coaching casualty in the National Hockey League



Andre Savard

this season following Quebec's 6-3 loss at Buffalo, extending the Nordiques' winless streak to four games and giving them only one victory in their last nine starts and a 10-13-1 record for the season. He was replaced by Ron Lapointe, who had directed the Nordiques' Fredericton club in the American Hockey League to first place in the early going. In the process, Lapointe became Quebec's fifth coach since the club joined the NHL in 1979.

Lapointe, 38, coached at Shawinigan of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League for six



Mike Murphy

seasons and led the team to the finals of the Memorial Cup in 1985. That same year, he was the assistant coach of the Canadian national junior team that won a gold medal at the world championships. He worked as an assistant coach for the Washington Capitals the last two seasons before taking over as head coach at Fredericton this season.

Murphy was fired two days later following a 6-4 setback at Montreal, which gave the Kings a 7-16-4 record, worst in the NHL this season. Murphy had a composite record of 20-37-8 after taking over for Quinn on January 10, 1987. He had been an assistant coach with the Kings for three seasons after playing for the club for 10 seasons.

Robbie Ftorek, currently the coach of the Kings' New Haven affiliate in the American Hockey League, is the leading contender to become the club's next coach.

With General Manager Rogie Vachon behind the bench, the Kings surrendered six goals in the third period on only seven shots in a 10-3 loss at Washington December 6.

## Too Many Whistles?

Officiating, as usual, was one of the prime topics on the agenda when the National Hockey League's Board of Governors met in Palm Beach, Fla., December 6-8.

At least a dozen general managers around the NHL complained about an overabundance of power plays this season when they met in Chicago in mid-November. While they agreed that stick fouls should be called at a moment's notice, they said hooking, holding and interference calls have increased dramatically in the first quarter of the 1987-88 season.

"The officials have been overzealous in their attempt to cut down on a lot of body contact," said Edmonton's Glen Sather. "By calling so many penalties, your special teams have to spend a majority of time on the ice trying to kill off the penalties."

Winnipeg General Manager John Ferguson was even more vocal, saying: "Power plays are up 48 percent, and that's not what we wanted. It's been said that this is what the owners wanted, but I don't think that's so true. It's what only a few general managers wanted."

"There have just been too many penalties. Somehow we have to stop it. It's slowing the game down, and fans aren't paying to see special teams; they're paying to see the game's best players."

"If this keeps up, fans in Winnipeg, for instance, will see more of Ronny Wilson and less of Dale Hawerchuk."

The league's general managers further pointed out that while restraint penalties had increased substantially, calls against roughing, fighting and slashing have not risen significantly. They feel something must have been lost in the translation to officials.

Not so, said referee Don Kohars-

ki. "It was the general managers and owners who voted to clamp down on the stuff," he said. "And now Sather and Ferguson are disagreeing with the standard. Until we get a directive, that's how it's going to be."

"We're still the bad guys," Koharski said.

At the quarter point in the season, Chicago, the New York Rangers, Quebec, Hartford, Winnipeg, the New York Islanders and Washington were all on a pace to surpass the record of 99 power-play goals, which is shared by Pittsburgh (1981-82) and Quebec (1985-86).

Has the game been slowed down by the excessive whistles? Or will this trial period serve to get the sticks down, prevent the constant clutching and grabbing and eventually open up the game and clean it up?

"The way the game is being called now will eventually lead to an advantage for the skating teams," observed Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky. "We have to learn to discipline ourselves and not pick up dumb penalties."

## Ups and Downs

Calgary Coach Terry Crisp said recently that his rookie season has been a real learning experience and that he sometimes has had to meet some of his players halfway in order to get his point across.

He recalled some of the points he made in his first speech to the Flames.

"I'm very abrupt," he said. "I'm abrasive. I'm bellicose. I'm obnoxious. I will be all over you like a blanket. I will be up and down your frame like an elevator. But please remember one thing: As long as I'm on you, I care. When you no longer hear from me, start to worry. When silence starts to reign supreme, look out."

"So to me, it's almost a back-

wards, lefthanded compliment that when I'm on them, I care. I'm interested."

Crisp can be heard hollering at his players, probably more than any other coach, during a game. But that's his style, and it seems to be working.

## Mannequins

Toronto Coach John Brophy comes down hard on his players after each loss, particularly when he doesn't think they put in a full day's work.

Recently, he sent his players through a training camp style practice following a 4-2 setback to Hartford in which the Whalers outshot the Maple Leafs, 45-17. Brophy was particularly upset at the play of his team at Maple Leaf Gardens.

"We get paid enough to get self-started in this building. I've got guys who have scored one goal in 15 games," he told Gary Loewen of the Toronto Globe and Mail. "What do we pay these guys for?"

"We must have the best models in hockey. We stand around and have 16,000 people come out and watch us. We don't sweat; we just model our uniforms."

"There are not a lot of models who will draw 16,000 people. We're simply playing lazy, lazy, lazy hockey."

## Plus and Minus

The Buffalo Sabres showed the biggest improvement in the standings in comparison to last season after this season's first 20 games at plus 11. Chicago and Boston were next at plus 7. The New York Islanders were plus 6, followed by New Jersey and Vancouver (plus 4), Calgary and Detroit (plus 2), Washington (plus 1), Montreal and Quebec (minus 1), St. Louis and Toronto (minus 2), the New York Rangers, Edmonton and Los Angeles (minus 3), Winnipeg (minus 4), Hartford and Pittsburgh (minus 9) and Philadelphia (minus 17).

## The Goal That Never Was

New York Rangers goaltender Bob Froese never got a chance to extend his goal-scoring streak past one game. In fact, he didn't even get a chance to ask Rangers General Manager Phil Esposito about adding a goal-scoring bonus to his contract.

Froese could joke about the goal that wasn't following a 3-2 victory over the Blues at St. Louis December 5. He said it was a relief that the National Hockey League righted a wrong in crediting him with scoring a goal in the Rangers' 3-1 victory over the New York Islanders November 29, giving the goal to defenseman David Shaw instead.

With the Rangers holding a 2-1 lead over the Islanders eight minutes into the second period November 29 and goalie Billy Smith heading for the bench on a delayed penalty, Denis Potvin broke in on Froese and took about a 30-foot shot, which grazed the side of the net. The rebound went to Brent Sutter, who tried to send a pass back to defenseman Gerald Diduck near the blue line. Instead, the puck slid the length of the ice and into Smith's unprotected net. In the process, Froese became only the second goaltender to score a goal in the history of the National Hockey League. Ironically, Smith was the other, accomplishing the feat under similar circumstances in a game against the Colorado Rockies in Denver on November 28, 1979.

"The whole thing was kind of weird because at first I didn't know if the puck hit me or not," Froese said. "I was in a position, trying to stop Potvin, where I didn't see it or feel it hit me. But everyone said they looked at the replays upstairs and said I

touched the puck, so it was my goal.

"Some of the other guys were more excited than I was when they made the announcement. But I did get a few goosebumps thinking about the fact that I was only the second goaltender to score a goal."

But the feelings of both confusion and excitement turned to a bad taste in his mouth when Froese saw the replays after the game.

"I didn't need to see a second replay to know that I hadn't touched the puck and that it wasn't my goal," he recalled.

Froese said he was glad that the whole scenario was over.

"I don't want to score a goal," he said with a smile. "I've never had any ambitions to do that. Someday, when I'm retired and I'm playing forward in an industrial league at our home up at Lake Clear, New York, I'll want to score goals. Now, all I want to do is stop the puck, because that's my job."

Froese admitted it would have been his first goal in a long, long time.

"The last time I scored a goal I was in grade five," he said. "I forgot some equipment, and I had to play forward. I remember scoring a goal on a breakaway. It was thrilling for a second, but it wasn't like it is now after winning a game."

"I've been a goalie since as long as I can remember. That's all I ever really wanted. In fact, I've got a five-year-old boy who wears my Montreal Canadiens sweater from when I was a kid. My grandmother embroidered a No. 1 on the back. He wants to be a goalie, but I'm trying to stop that. I want him to score goals."

Chicago's Denis Savard showed the biggest plus in scoring statistics, improving by 26 points compared to the first 20 games last season. Quebec's Michel Goulet and Alan Kerr of the Islanders were plus 20 in points followed by Chicago's Doug Wilson (plus 18), Montreal's Chris Chelios (plus 16), Minnesota's Brian Bellows (plus 13) and Vancouver's Tony Tanti, Toronto's Al Iafrate, Pittsburgh's Craig Simpson, Los Angeles' Jimmy Carson and Chicago's Rick Vaive (all plus 12). . . . Paul Coffey's votes for the All-Star team have been transferred from the Campbell Conference to the Wales Conference since being traded by Edmonton to Pittsburgh, according to the NHL rules. Officials of the Dodge-Plymouth All-Star ballot are encouraging fans who want to vote for Coffey to vote for an additional defenseman in the Wales Conference since Coffey's votes will be counted in the other conference. . . . Defensemen Mike Ramsey of Buffalo and Mike O'Connell of Detroit have been suspended for eight games apiece for high-sticking incidents, Ramsey for an infraction against Quebec's Paul Gillis December 3 and O'Connell for high-sticking St. Louis' Doug Evans November 27.

## A Sundial Reading

Montreal defenseman Rick

Green is discovering it's difficult to gain compliments from his teammates.

Green scored his first goal of the season November 25 in Hartford, part of a three-goal second-period outburst that helped the Canadiens turn a 5-2 deficit into a 6-5 victory. The shot was a flutter-ball that somehow eluded Whalers goaltender Mike Liut.

"There were almost three minutes left in the period when you took the shot," Mats Naslund told Green.

"So?" asked Green.

"There were only two minutes left when the puck reached the back of the net," said Naslund.

## By the Book

Following a 4-1 loss at home against Vancouver November 19, Detroit Coach Jacques Demers skated his team through a two-hour workout without pucks. Then he had the players stand in a corner and listen to his lecture, which included readings from a dictionary.

"Sometimes my English isn't too good," Demers said. "I wanted them to know the exact meaning of the words I was using—such as honesty and cheating."

After losing, 1-0, to Boston November 22, the Red Wings won five straight contests after hearing the words of Jacques Demers and Noah Webster.



## NOTEBOOK

## PATRICK

The New York Islanders' 17-7-1 record represents the club's best start since the 1980-81 season, the first of the Islanders' four straight Stanley Cup championship campaigns. . . . Islanders goalie Billy Smith stopped 31 shots and Mikko Makela netted his first career hat trick in helping the Islanders gain a 6-4 decision over Washington December 4. Makela, who had 24 goals last season, already had 14 goals this season. The triumph gave Smith 290 career wins and moved him into ninth place on the career victory list, one ahead of Eddie Giacomin. . . . Two days earlier, Denis Potvin scored two goals and Smith stopped 29 shots, leading the Islanders to a 7-1 triumph over Pittsburgh. Smith ran his streak against the Penguins in Pittsburgh to 12-0-2 since last losing at the Civic Arena on April 4, 1982. The loss snapped Pittsburgh's four-game unbeaten streak and was the fifth time in seven games that the Penguins had fallen behind 3-0. The Pens had surrendered the first goal in each of their last 12 games. . . . Mark Johnson, in New Jersey's lineup for the first time since November after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his right knee, assisted on second-period goals by Joe Cirella and Jim Korn in leading the Devils to a 4-2 triumph over St. Louis December 3. The win improved the Devils' home record this season to 11-1-1. . . . The Penguins ran their record to 3-1-2 in their last six games with a 6-3 triumph over Vancouver December 5 in which Dan Quinn and Mario Lemieux each scored two goals. . . . Bengt Gustafsson, who hadn't scored since October 19, had two goals in a four-goal second period to help Washington to a 4-2 victory over Edmonton December 1. It was the Capitals' sixth triumph over the Oilers in their last seven meetings. . . . Mike Ridley, Kevin Hatcher, Dale Hunter and Dave

Christian each scored two goals as Washington routed Los Angeles, 10-3, December 6. The Caps had four power-play goals in the effort, giving them at least two power-play goals in each of their last eight outings. . . . All-Star defenseman Rod Langway was hospitalized for treatment of a ruptured lumbar disc in his lower back and was expected to be sidelined at least two weeks. . . . Flyers center Peter Zezel had only one goal in his first 12 games this season while trying to play with a sprained ankle. After resting for seven games, Zezel came back hot as a firecracker, scoring seven goals in five games, including two in Philadelphia's 5-2 triumph over Hartford December 3. It was the first time this season that the struggling Flyers had won three straight games. It was also their first contest after spending three days at Lake Placid, N.Y., working out. . . . John Ogrudnick scored midway through the third period to give the Rangers a 3-2 victory at St. Louis December 5. The triumph was only the Rangers' second in their last 10 road games.

## ADAMS

For the last eight-plus seasons, All-Star defenseman Ray Bourque has worn uniform No. 7 for the Boston Bruins. Some said it was wrong for the Bruins to let Bourque wear Phil Esposito's old jersey. On December 3, the Bruins honored Esposito in a pregame ceremony by retiring his number. Bourque surprised everybody in the Boston Garden crowd when he skated over to Esposito, pulled the sweater over his head and handed it to Esposito. Underneath Bourque displayed his new No. 77. Later, Bourque scored a goal that began a three-goal Boston flurry late in the third period that carried the Bruins to a 4-3 triumph over Esposito's Rangers. . . . Larry Robinson scored a power-play goal to break a 3-3 tie and Chris Chelios added another man-advantage tally in Montreal's 6-4 victory over Los Angeles December 5, stretching the

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Canadiens' home unbeaten streak to 12 games (9-0-3). . . . Boston's Steve Kasper got his 10th goal in 10 games and his third game-winning goal during that stretch in Boston's victory over the Rangers December 3. One night earlier, the Bruins captured a 5-3 victory over Hartford. The triumph, which ran Boston's record to 3-0-1 against the Whalers this season, gave the Bruins nine victories on the road this season, a league high. . . . Three nights later, the Bruins posted a 7-3 victory over Chicago on the strength of three goals by Keith Crowder. Boston goalie Reggie Lemelin ran his record to 6-1-2 in his last nine starts as the Bruins won for the 11th time in their last 14 starts. . . . Tiger Williams and Ulf Samuelsson scored to highlight Hartford's 2-1 victory over Buffalo December 5. The last-place Whalers are 4-0-1 against the Sabres this season. . . . Two days earlier, the Sabres snapped a four-game losing streak when they defeated Quebec, 6-3, as Dave Andreychuk scored three goals, giving Buffalo its 100th career hat trick. . . . One night after replacing Andre Savard as coach of the Nordiques, Ron Lapointe made a successful debut with the help of power-play goals by Anton Stastny and Jeff Brown in a 3-2 decision over New Jersey December 5. The victory snapped a four-game winless skid.

## SMYTHE

A disallowed goal was the only thing that kept Wayne Gretzky's name out of the record book December 6, when he scored five times and added an assist in Edmonton's 10-4 drubbing of Minnesota. No. 99 had an apparent goal waved off by referee Paul Stewart in the third period after getting three goals in the first period and one in each of the next two periods. It was the fourth five-goal game for Gretzky, who finished the contest with 13 shots on goal. . . . Mark Messier scored the game-winner and Gretzky added his 19th and 20th goals, all in a four-goal third period, to rally the Oilers to a 5-2

triumph over Toronto December 5. The Oilers had suffered back-to-back losses—4-2 to Washington December 1 and 7-4 at Detroit one night later—and had lost four of their previous six starts. . . . The Calgary Flames are riding on the shoulders of goaltender Mike Vernon. Vernon blanked Chicago, 4-0, November 30, then stopped 33 shots in a 5-3 decision over Toronto December 3. The victory stretched the Flames' winning streak to five games and their unbeaten skid to seven games. . . . Calgary defenseman Paul Reinhart will be lost for at least two more months with a career-threatening disc problem. . . . The Winnipeg Jets broke a three-game losing streak and extended their record against Smythe Division foes to 9-1 following a pair of overtime decisions at Los Angeles December 2-3. The Jets won the first contest on a goal by Doug Smail and captured the second game when Iain Duncan tallied in sudden death. The decisions gave the Jets a 5-0-1 overtime record this season, while Los Angeles fell to 0-2-4 in overtime. The Jets rediscovered their power play in Southern California, connecting on six of 11 attempts in two games. . . . The Vancouver Canucks finished a four-game trip with a 5-1 victory at Buffalo December 6 behind Tony Tanti's two-goal performance. The triumph gave Vancouver a 2-1-1 record on the excursion, its first winning trip since the 1985-86 season. . . . Los Angeles defenseman Larry Playfair returned three months ahead of schedule after undergoing major reconstructive surgery on his left knee last February. . . . Bobby Carpenter had nine goals and 18 assists in 60 games with Washington, the Rangers and Los Angeles last season. This year, Carpenter matched that production in 26 games, getting 10 goals and 17 assists for the Kings.

## NORRIS

The Detroit Red Wings sent Edmonton goaltender Grant Fuhr to the showers early, scoring on five of their first eight shots in a 7-4 tri-

umph over the Oilers December 2. It was the Red Wings' fourth straight victory and second straight triumph over Edmonton this season after going 0-3 against the Oilers last season. . . . The Red Wings stretched their winning streak to five games as Tim Higgins exploded for three goals and Greg Stefan stopped 19 shots, powering them to a 12-0 triumph over Chicago. The outburst raised Detroit's average to seven goals per game during the five-game streak. . . . Minnesota winger Brian Bellows scored with 19 seconds left in regulation time and then scored again at 1:20 of overtime to lift the North Stars to a 3-2 triumph over Toronto December 1. It was Minnesota's 16th victory in its last 19 games against Toronto and was also the first time this season that the North Stars won a game in which they had scored three goals or fewer. Their record in such games had been 0-9-3. . . . Toronto, which has lost eight of its last 12 games, got more bad news when the Maple Leafs learned that left wing Wendel Clark would be out of action until after Christmas with a back injury. . . . Chicago's road record slipped to 2-14-1, including 0-13-1 since October 21. The Black Hawks dropped a 5-1 decision at St. Louis December 2, suffered a 12-0 setback at Detroit two nights later and a 7-3 defeat at Boston December 5. . . . The victory over Chicago was the only bright spot for St. Louis during the week ending December 6. Bernie Federko had one goal and three assists against the Black Hawks, giving him seven points in two games. But the Blues, who won their first decision at home this season against a Norris Division foe in beating Chicago, then dropped a 4-2 decision at New Jersey December 3 and suffered a 3-2 setback to the Rangers at home two nights later. Blues Coach Jacques Martin schedule a heavy skating session prior to the club's Christmas party to make up for the poor effort against the Rangers. Said Martin: "I guess I'll have to crack the whip."

## CHARTING THE NHL

**Ten Gallon Hat**—Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky scored five goals in a game for the fourth time in his career as the Oilers thumped Minnesota, 10-4, December 6. It was Gretzky's 43rd career hat trick, a National Hockey League record.

**More Hats**—The Boston Bruins had two hat tricks during the week ending December 6. Steve Kasper netted his third career hat trick and Keith Crowder accounted for his second three-goal game. Other hat tricks were by Buffalo's Dave Andreychuk (his second), Detroit's Tim Higgins (his first), Mikko Makela of the New York Islanders (his first) and Edmonton's Craig Simpson (his second).

**Blankety-Blank**—Detroit goalie Greg Stefan stopped 19 shots in posting his fifth career shutout and third lifetime against Chicago in a 12-0 thrashing of the Black Hawks December 4. It was the third shutout by the Red Wings this season. Four days earlier, Calgary's Mike Vernon also blanked the Hawks, beating them, 4-0, for his third career shutout.

**Milestones**—Gretzky's five goals and one assist gave him 1,589 points in his career, just one behind Phil Esposito, who is third on the career scoring list behind Gordie Howe (1,850) and Marcel Dionne (who had 1,715 points through December 6). . . . Chicago's Denis Savard registered his 500th career assist.

## THROUGH GAMES OF DECEMBER 6

## Leading Scorers

	Ga.	G.	A.	Pts.
Gretzky, Edmonton	28	25	44	69
Savard, Chicago	27	14	39	53
Lemieux, Pittsburgh	23	23	23	46
Messier, Edmonton	27	19	27	46
Hawerchuk, Winnipeg	25	14	30	44
Goulet, Quebec	25	16	27	43
P. Stastny, Quebec	22	19	23	42
Naslund, Montreal	30	12	30	42
Carson, Los Angeles	28	19	20	39
Robitaille, Los Angeles	28	15	23	38
Kurri, Edmonton	28	15	22	37
Smith, Montreal	30	15	22	37
Simpson, Pitt.-Edm.	28	18	17	35
Yzerman, Detroit	24	18	16	34
LaFontaine, Islanders	25	17	17	34
Ciccarelli, Minnesota	24	16	18	34
Adams, Vancouver	27	18	15	33
Tanti, Vancouver	27	14	19	33

## GOALS

Gretzky, Edm., 25; Lemieux, Pitts., 23; Vaive, Chi., 20; P. Stastny, Que., Messier, Edm. and Carson, L.A., 19.

## ASSISTS

Gretzky, Edm., 44; Savard, Chi., 39; Hawerchuk, Winn. and Naslund, Mtl., 30.

## POWER-PLAY GOALS

Dionne, NYR, 12; P. Stastny, Que. and Hawerchuk, Winn., 11; Goulet, Que., Ridley, Wash. and Messier, Edm., 10.

## SHORT-HANDED GOALS

Nicholls, L.A., 4; Courtnall, Tor., Poulin, Phil. and Larmer and Savard, Chi., 3.

## GAME-WINNING GOALS

Richer, Mtl. and Verbeek, N.J., 5; Probert, Det., Bellows, Minn. and Messier, Edm., 4.

## SHOTS

Lemieux, Pitts., 121; Bourque, Bos., 115; Gartner, Wash., 103; Turgeon, Hart., 101; Savard, Chi., 100; Hawerchuk, Winn., 98.

## SHOOTING PERCENTAGE

P. Stastny, Que., 31.7; Duncan, Winn., 29.6; Verbeek, N.J., 29.3; Makela, NYI, 29.2; McBain, Winn., 28.1.

## PLUS-MINUS LEADERS

Svoboda, Mtl., 31; Beukeboom and Huddy, Edm., 20; Linseman, Bos. and Gretzky and Messier, Edm., 19.

## Leading Goaltenders

	Min.	G.	ShO.	Avg.
Hanlon, Detroit	553	25	2	2.71
Peeters, Washington	417	19	0	2.73
Roy, Montreal	976	46	1	2.83
Chevrier, New Jersey	1163	57	1	2.94
Hayward, Montreal	855	42	1	2.95
Smith, Islanders	528	26	0	2.95
Liut, Hartford	827	42	1	3.05
Malarchuk, Wash.	1159	60	0	3.11
Stefan, Detroit	875	46	1	3.15
Hrudey, Islanders	985	52	1	3.17
Keans, Boston	965	53	1	3.30
Wamsley, St. Louis	727	41	1	3.38
Weeks, Hartford	636	36	0	3.40
Dadswell, Calgary	512	29	0	3.40
Hextall, Philadelphia	975	56	0	3.45
McLean, Vancouver	1092	63	0	3.46
Lemelin, Boston	792	46	0	3.48

## SAVE PERCENTAGE

Hanlon, Det., .911; Roy, Mtl., .906; Hrudey, NYI, .898; Chevrier, N.J., .896.

## SHUTOUTS

Hanlon, Det., 2.

## THROUGH GAMES OF DECEMBER 6

## CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

## NORRIS DIVISION

	W.	L.	T.	G.F.	G.A.	Home	Away	Div. Rec.	Pts.
Detroit	13	9	2	94	76	7-4-1	6-5-1	3-4-2	28
Minnesota	10	13	4	96	111	5-7-1	5-6-3	6-4-1	24
Toronto	10	14	2	104	106	5-6-1	5-8-1	3-6-1	22
Chicago	10	15	2	95	125	8-1-1	2-14-1	6-4-0	22
St. Louis	9	14	2	85	92	5-6-2	4-8-0	5-5-2	20

## SMYTHE DIVISION

	W.	L.	T.	G.F.	G.A.	Home	Away	Div. Rec.	Pts.
Calgary	15	8	4	131	101	8-5-3	7-3-1	5-4-2	34
Edmonton	16	10	2	134	103	10-3-0	6-7-2	5-2-2	34
Winnipeg	12	12	1	95	103	8-5-0	4-7-1	9-1-0	25
Vancouver	10	14	3	94	101	4-6-2	6-8-1	1-6-1	23
Los Angeles	7	17	4	107	143	4-8-2	3-9-2	1-8-1	18

## WALES CONFERENCE

## ADAMS DIVISION

	W.	L.	T.	G.F.	G.A.	Home	Away	Div. Rec.	Pts.
Montreal	17	7	6	117	89	12-2-3	5-5-3	3-4-3	40
Boston	17	10	2	113	100	8-4-0	9-6-2	4-4-2	36
Buffalo	10	13	4	94	114	7-6-2	3-7-2	3-5-2	24
Quebec	11	13	1	93	104	6-7-0	5-6-1	7-3-1	23
Hartford	9	12	4	78	84	5-6-3	4-6-1	5-6-4	22

## PATRICK DIVISION

	W.	L.	T.	G.F.	G.A.	Home	Away	Div. Rec.	Pts.
N.Y. Islanders	17	7	1	111	79	9-3-1	8-4-0	9-4-0	35
New Jersey	14	9	4	93	87	11-1-1	3-8-3	7-2-2	32
Washington	12	12	2	92	81	8-5-0	4-7-2	3-5-1	26
Pittsburgh	10	11	5	94	101	7-3-3	3-8-2	5-5-3	25
Philadelphia	9	13	4	80	98	6-6-3	3-7-1	3-7-2	22
N.Y. Rangers	9	14	3	98	103	5-5-2	4-9-1	2-6-3	21



## HOCKEY

# Anatomy of a Big Deal

## Simpson Was Key Player in Oiler-Penguin Swap

By JIM MATHESON

EDMONTON — Craig Simpson couldn't escape it. He'd heard the rumors all season long that he was about to be traded by the Pittsburgh Penguins to the Edmonton Oilers, first for goaltender Andy Moog, then for holdout defenseman Paul Coffey. Oilers scout Ed Chadwick had been around Pittsburgh so often he was almost welcome on the Penguins' team bus.

"Being young I never had to worry about reading the newspapers or worry about being moved or traded," Simpson said November 19. "I just decided to play so well they couldn't afford to trade me."

Five days later, the 20-year-old forward was part of a seven-player trade between the Penguins and Oilers. He went to Edmonton with defensemen Moe Mantha and Chris Joseph and forward Dave Hannan for Coffey and left wingers Dave Hunter and Wayne Van Dorp.

Simpson came through with 26 points in Pittsburgh's first 21 games this season, second only to Mario Lemieux. But Simpson was expendable for Coffey, as the Penguins sacrificed some of the future for results now.

"I knew (Pittsburgh General Manager) Eddie Johnston had pressure on him to make the play-offs this year," said Simpson, who had no choice but to hurriedly pack his bags. "This was something he felt he had to do."

Simpson didn't gripe about his new address, however.

"If you're going to be traded, Edmonton would certainly be the team I'd want to go to," he said. "Playing with the quality of players there, it's great."

It was a hot and heavy courtship: Oilers G.M. Glen Sather pursuing Johnston until Johnston finally said yes to the proposal.

"You want Paul Coffey? Fine, I want Craig Simpson," said Sather.

Initially, Sather wanted Simpson, defenseman Doug Bodger and a second-round draft choice for Coffey. But Johnston balked at putting Bodger and Simpson in the same deal. It wasn't until the Pittsburgh G.M. put Joseph, the fifth player chosen in last June's draft, into the conversation that a deal was consummated.

Why did Sather want Simpson so badly? He needed somebody to complement Mark Messier and Glenn Anderson. Kent Nilsson had come to the rescue last March when Sather got him from Minnesota for a draft pick, but the Swedish forward signed with an Italian team last summer, grabbing a \$100,000 salary and a generous bonus schedule that included \$1,000 a goal and \$500 an assist.

"Kent did a great job in the play-offs," said Sather, "but he was 31. He had a short future."

Simpson has a long one.

"I'm surprised Eddie let him go," conceded Sather. "But then maybe people were surprised we traded Coffey, too. All I know is Simpson is just who we were looking for. He can play center, he can play the wing. He kills penalties, he plays

the power play. He gives us so much more versatility. Really, he strengthens the team in a lot of areas."

When Simpson was drafted No. 2 overall behind Wendel Clark in 1985, the Oilers were picking 21st. They could only shrug their shoulders and congratulate the Penguins on an astute choice.

"The only way we were going to get somebody of Craig's ability was to trade for him," said Sather. "Those kinds of players are never available unless you're in the top third of the picks in the draft."

"Craig's a good skater, a smooth skater who I don't think has reached his potential. I think he's got another step to go. He's intelligent and really goes to the net well."

Simpson played with Messier and Anderson, the two best sprinters on the NHL's No. 1 track team, in his first game with the Oilers. Two nights later, Sather switched Simpson to Wayne Gretzky's line.

All of this is heady stuff for Simpson. But he'll adapt. He adjusted to not playing much his rookie season in Pittsburgh (28 points) to being a regular contributor (51) his second year to being their second-best player prior to his trade to the Oilers. There was no pressure on him in Pittsburgh, with Lemieux as the on-ice Moses. In Edmonton,

Gretzky has led the Oilers to the promised land.

Simpson had 84 points in 42 games with Michigan State in 1984-85, turning professional after his sophomore year in business studies. The money was great, but the NHL rookie lessons were hard. He went from a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award, presented to the NCAA's top performer, to a bit player in the NHL.

"It was extremely frustrating," Simpson recalled. "I struggled a lot with trying to get myself into the game when I'd only play three, four, five shifts a game. That made the adjustment a little bit more difficult and made it hard to keep my confidence up. Maybe in retrospect, it was good, though. I benefited from it because I didn't let it break me. I stayed up and stayed positive. Now, I'm able to handle other things when they're not going well."

Lemieux cast a big shadow in Pittsburgh, but he remains one of Simpson's biggest boosters. Heck, Mario predicted that Craig might soon be a 50-goal scorer.

"He's really come on," Lemieux said of Simpson. "He's one of the best in the league around the net. He's big and strong, he's good defensively. Really, he's a complete player. I think he has all the qualities to be a superstar."



The Oilers are counting on Craig Simpson adding versatility in Edmonton.

# Disappointment Lingers

## Caps Still Smarting From 1st-Round Playoff Loss

By PAT CALABRIA

LANDOVER, Md.—Whatever the future holds for the Washington Capitals, they are bound to remember the past. Last season was one they would love to forget, if they only could.

The Capitals appeared to be on the threshold of finally reaching the heights. They had speed, great defense, dependable goaltending for once and the hope they might get to the Stanley Cup finals.

First, it was a dream. Then it became a nightmare.

So when David Poile, the astute general manager, was asked this season how long it took him to get over the stunning first-round upset at the hands of the New York Islanders in the 1987 playoffs, he said: "Who says I'm over it?"

He meant it. No doubt, there is lingering disappointment over the chain of events as the Caps struggle to ripen into the contender they thought they were. In many respects, this could be the last chance for many players.

The urgency was evident when Poile dealt forwards Alan Haworth and Gaetan Duchesne and a first-round draft choice to Quebec last June for goalie Clint Malarchuk and center Dale Hunter in the biggest trade of the off-season.

The Capitals have never advanced beyond the Patrick Division playoffs, which gnaws at them, so Poile and Coach Bryan Murray came up with idea of an abbreviat-

ed training camp to help ensure that the club would get off to a fast start, in contrast to a history of slow starts. And, for a while, it worked.

After a four-day minicamp in Lake Placid, N.Y., the Caps played just seven preseason games, fewest of any team in the National Hockey League. Once the season opened, the team won five of its first seven games, the best start in franchise history.

However, despite having a defense that boasts Rod Langway, Larry Murphy, Scott Stevens and Kevin Hatcher, the Caps have not been a dominant or consistent team.

"Hopefully, we'll win a Stanley Cup soon," Langway said. "It's on our minds. We have the ability. We have the talent. We've even had the opportunities. We just can't seem to get out of the division. Of course, the Islanders have had something to do with that."

Five times the Islanders and Capitals have met in the postseason and four times the Islanders have won, with last year's victory over the Caps the most disheartening Washington has suffered.

Down 3-1 in the series, the Islanders rallied to win Game 5 in the Capital Centre, evened the series on home ice and scored in the waning minutes of the seventh game to force overtime. The game wasn't over until the next day, with Pat LaFontaine scoring in the fourth overtime against former U.S. Olympic teammate Bob

Mason.

It was a deadly blow to a team that had squandered a big chance just a year before, and another the year before that.

In 1985, the Caps became the first team to blow a 2-0 lead in a best-of-five series when the Islanders rallied to eliminate them in the first round of the playoffs. The Caps got revenge by sweeping the Islanders out of the playoffs the next year, but then were upset by the New York Rangers in the Patrick Division finals.

It's not inconceivable to think that—with Edmonton ousted—the Capitals might have been the Stanley Cup champions in 1986, when Montreal won. That's the past that keeps haunting the Caps, and it's not unusual for that to be a factor, as Poile is well aware.

"But you don't just change to make changes," Poile said.

To his credit, Poile did not overreact. He didn't have to. Players were already worried about losing their jobs or being traded. It's what psychologists call "creative tension."

The question is, will the Capitals be able to endure a long season remembering past lessons while avoiding being obsessed with them. Many teams have taken months to get over disappointments.

The Islanders, you should remember, lost in the 1979 semifinals to the Rangers and the next season were a .500 team in January. However, after the acquisition of veteran center Butch Goring from Los



David Poile

Angeles, the Isles went on to win the first of four consecutive Stanley Cup titles. Edmonton also suffered growing pains. The Oilers blew a 5-0 third-period lead to Los Angeles in a 1982 playoff game, lost that first-round series and slumped early the next season before quickly righting themselves to earn the first of their four berths in the Stanley Cup finals in the last five seasons.

Maybe that's a scenario the Caps will follow, too. Of course, they may never win a Stanley Cup. If that's the case, Poile's patience will suddenly be criticized as over-indulgence.

Once upon a time, when Poile began transforming the Capitals from also-rans to respectability, he said: "The book has been started, but the final chapter hasn't been written."

In the Caps' case, the book is a mystery.



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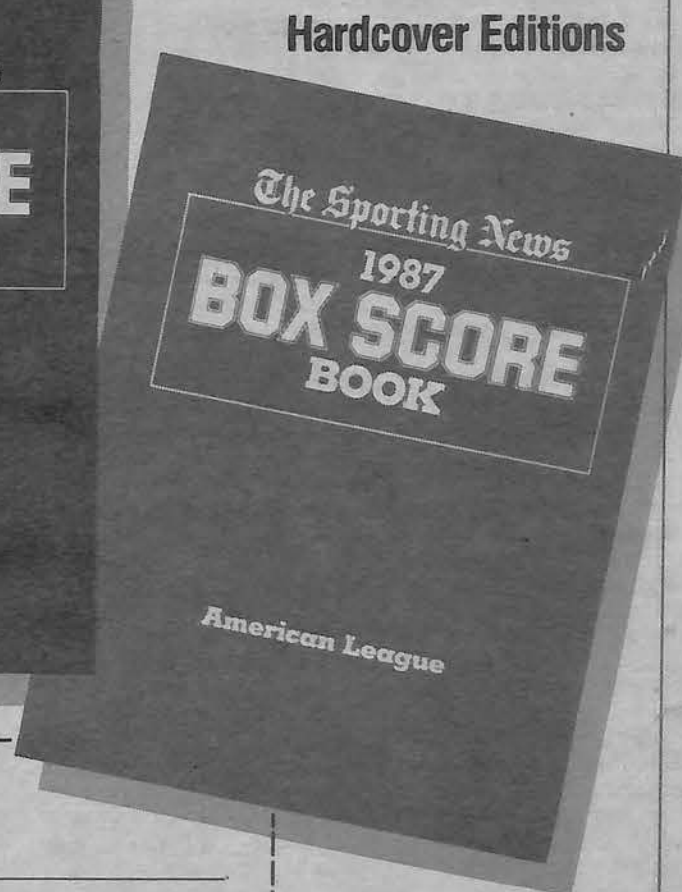
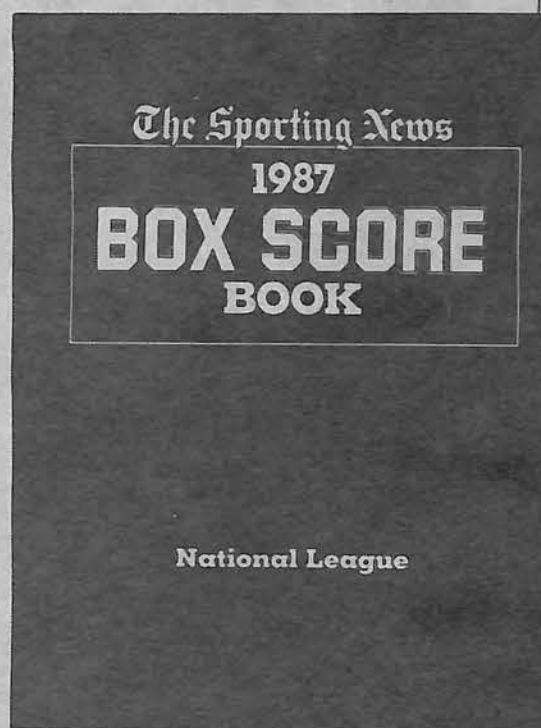
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## BASEBALL

# The Numbers Toll for Jays' Bell

## A.L.'s Top Slugger Named TSN's Player of the Year

By NEIL MacCARL

TORONTO—It was the end of May and George Bell had just put together the best numbers for one month by any player who's ever worn a Toronto Blue Jays uniform.

"I don't care about numbers," said Bell, who hit 11 homers, drove in 31 runs and batted .351 in May. "I just go out day after day and try to play hard."

"I don't have any goals for any month. At the end of the season, that's when I'll talk numbers."

By the end of the 1987 season, Bell's numbers spoke—rather convincingly—for themselves.

Besides leading the American League in runs batted in (134), Bell finished second in homers (47), runs (111) and slugging percentage (.605) and was sixth in hits (188). He set club records in homers, RBIs, extra-base hits (83) and slugging percentage.

The outfielder became the first Blue Jays player to drive in at least 100 runs in back-to-back seasons and over the course of 156 games, he never went more than two games without a hit.

"George Bell is the most intimidating hitter in the league," California Angels Manager Gene Mauch said at midseason.

Bell was the bellwether for a Blue Jays team that challenged for the A.L. East championship right up to the final day of the season. For his performance, he was selected THE SPORTING NEWS 1987

Major League Player of the Year by a panel of TSN editors. He became the first Blue Jays player ever to earn the honor.

Bell raised his home run production for the fourth consecutive year. After hitting 26, 28 and 31 homers in his three previous seasons, he delivered the long ball once in every 13 at-bats in 1987. And his batting average slipped only one percentage point from the year before, when he hit .309.

Although the friendly fences at Toronto's Exhibition Stadium would seem to be tailor-made for the righthanded power hitter, Bell actually had better numbers on the road. He batted .325 with 28 homers and 78 RBIs out of town compared to .291, 19 homers and 57 RBIs at home. To a degree, that proved to be fortuitous.

Bell's prowess as a hitter had been well-known among his peers, but it wasn't until this year that he won sufficient acceptance among the fans around the league to be voted into the A.L.'s starting lineup for the All-Star Game. On the final day before the All-Star break, he hired a plane to fly over Exhibition Stadium with a banner expressing his thanks.

"I'm very happy I finally made it here with the best players," he told reporters covering the All-Star Game in Oakland.

To see Bell on television commercials for McDonald's during the World Series was to see a far different image than the one he presents on the field.

"I respect Bell for his ability as a player," said Detroit Tigers pitcher Jack Morris. "But like the fans, I question his antics sometimes. But the bottom line is he produces."

Said New York Yankees outfielder Rickey Henderson: "Sometimes, you have to accept people the way they are. George puts his heart into the game, and sometimes it makes him look like a different person than he really is."

Bell did two things differently in 1987. Always noted for a short fuse, he kept a closer rein on his temper. In 1985, he was suspended for three days for charging Boston pitcher Bruce Kison. The following year, he drew a two-day suspension for putting a hand on an umpire.

But in the first week of the '87 season—in Boston, where the fans love to hate him—he was hit by a pitch and calmly trotted to first base. He had the last laugh when Jesse Barfield followed with a home run.

In September, a pitch from Milwaukee's Bill Wegman nicked the end of his nose and glanced off his cheek, but there was no serious damage and no outburst from Bell.

The other difference was an adjustment in his hitting.

"We want George to go the other way more often," Jays batting coach Cito Gaston had said during spring training.

It paid off because Bell is strong enough to hit the ball out of the



Player of the Year George Bell: "I just go out day after day and try to play hard."

park in right and right center.

In the clubhouse, Bell delights in needling teammates almost as much as he enjoys playing cribbage. But to the media, he remains something of an enigma. Bell particularly shuns postgame interviews.

"Hey, man, you know I don't talk to you guys," he will say when reporters ask him about one of his game-winning homers. Then he will spend longer talking about not talking than it would have taken to answer the question.

Bell slipped into Toronto almost quietly. Known by his given name (Jorge) at that time, he was drafted from the Philadelphia Phillies' organization after the 1980 season for \$25,000 and spent the strike-interrupted 1981 campaign as a rookie with the Jays. In 60 games, he batted .233 with five homers and 12 RBIs.

The following year, Bell was optioned to Syracuse (International) so he could play every day, but his season quickly became a disaster. He was sidelined first by mononucleosis, then a damaged left knee and, finally, by a broken jaw after being hit in the face by a Lynn McGlothen pitch. As a result, he spent another half season in the minors before joining the Jays to stay midway through the 1983 sea-

son. In the 1986 season, General Manager Pat Gillick suggested it might be a good idea if Bell became a designated hitter on a full-time basis, to prolong his career, and have a couple of the Jays' flock of young outfield prospects platooned in his spot in left field.

Gillick had not consulted Bell on the subject, and it did not sit well with him. It wasn't just the fact that Bell and his agent, Alan Hendricks, were preparing to negotiate Bell's first million-dollar contract with the Jays. Bell took it as an affront to his ability.

During spring training this year, Manager Jimmy Williams announced he intended to rest his regulars occasionally during the season, so they would still be fresh for a September pennant battle. But the first time Williams tried to rest Bell by using him as the designated hitter, Bell balked and Williams had to restore him to the lineup.

Williams did not like having his authority challenged, but a day later everything was resolved. Bell served as the DH twice this season and did not start eight other times, although he pinch hit in two of those games. Of the eight games Bell didn't start, Toronto won only two.

Bell is fiercely proud of his native Dominican Republic. When a Dominican team that included two of his brothers was added to the Olympic baseball tournament in 1984, he was willing to accept all wagers that it would win.

And foremost, he is proud of his family. He has three sons—Christopher, George Jr. and Kevin—and his brothers, Juan and Rolando, are now infielders in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization.

This year, Bell broke the single-season record for most home runs by a player of Hispanic origin (the old mark was 46, set by Orlando Cepeda in 1961). At 28, he's king of the diamond with the Blue Jays and king of the island back home in the Dominican Republic.

At long last, recognition is finally coming to Bell, for whom the numbers toll.

son.

Bell is still plagued by his left knee and a sore right shoulder that requires ice treatment before games. But he shows up every day expecting to be in the lineup.

After Toronto had been eliminated from the A.L. East race late

## Shopper Al Rosen Bags Exec Award

"A guy like Dravecky would win the division for San Francisco."

Larry Bowa, June 1987

"I've got a pennant right here."

Syd Thrift, August 1987

By NICK PETERS

SAN FRANCISCO—Al Rosen took his cue from the San Diego Padres' manager and the Pittsburgh Pirates' general manager, going on a shopping spree that brought the San Francisco Giants their first National League West championship in 16 years. Coming two seasons after a 100-loss campaign, the title made the voting for THE SPORTING NEWS' 1987 Major League Executive of the Year a virtual landslide for Rosen, who became the Giants' president and

general manager in September of 1985 after serving in a similar capacity with the New York Yankees (1978-79) and Houston Astros (1980-85).

Twenty-five of the 42 executives who voted cast their ballots for Rosen. Bill Lajoie of Detroit received eight votes, and Minnesota's Andy MacPhail got five.

There was no mystery to San Francisco's success down the stretch. When the Giants realized they desperately needed help, Rosen had complete authority to secure the goods. He responded with three trades in 49 days, leaving the baseball world buzzing over his acumen.

"I always wanted to give one man complete responsibility," (Continued on Page 49, Column 1)

### MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Year	Player	Club
1936	Carl Hubbell	New York NL
1937	Johnny Allen	Cleveland AL
1938	Johnny Vander Meer	Cinn. NL
1939	Joe DiMaggio	New York AL
1940	Bob Feller	Cleveland AL
1941	Ted Williams	Boston AL
1942	Ted Williams	Boston AL
1943	Spud Chandler	New York AL
1944	Marty Marion	St. Louis NL
1945	Hal Newhouser	Detroit AL
1946	Stan Musial	St. Louis NL
1947	Ted Williams	Boston AL
1948	Lou Boudreau	Cleveland AL
1949	Ted Williams	Boston AL
1950	Phil Rizzuto	New York AL
1951	Stan Musial	St. Louis NL
1952	Robin Roberts	Phila. NL
1953	Al Rosen	Cleveland AL
1954	Willie Mays	New York NL
1955	Duke Snider	Brooklyn NL
1956	Mickey Mantle	New York AL
1957	Ted Williams	Boston AL
1958	Bob Turley	New York AL
1959	Early Wynn	Chicago AL
1960	Bill Mazeroski	Pittsburgh NL
1961	Roger Maris	New York AL
1962	Maury Wills	Los Angeles NL
	Don Drysdale	Los Angeles NL
1963	Sandy Koufax	Los Angeles NL
1964	Ken Boyer	St. Louis NL
1965	Sandy Koufax	Los Angeles NL
1966	Frank Robinson	Baltimore AL
1967	Carl Yastrzemski	Boston AL
1968	Denny McLain	Detroit AL
1969	Willie McCovey	San Fran. NL
1970	Johnny Bench	Cin. NL
1971	Joe Torre	St. Louis NL
1972	Billy Williams	Chicago NL
1973	Reggie Jackson	Oakland AL
1974	Lou Brock	St. Louis NL
1975	Joe Morgan	Cincinnati NL
1976	Joe Morgan	Cincinnati NL
1977	Rod Carew	Minnesota AL
1978	Ron Guidry	New York AL
1979	Willie Stargell	Pittsburgh NL
1980	George Brett	Kansas City AL
1981	Fernando Valenzuela	L.A. NL
1982	Robin Yount	Milwaukee AL
1983	Cal Ripken	Baltimore AL
1984	Ryne Sandberg	Chicago NL
1985	Don Mattingly	New York AL
1986	Roger Clemens	Boston AL
1987	George Bell	Toronto AL



## BASEBALL

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Owner Bob Lurie said. "I was naive about baseball. I never felt I had the knowledge to run a club. I never had complete confidence in my other general managers. With Al, I have that confidence."

And why not? San Francisco was 53-55 in early August, but the booster shots quickly kicked in and the Giants went 37-17 the rest of the way to leave Cincinnati and Houston in their wake. Rosen's counterparts with those clubs, Bill Bergesch and Dick Wagner, no longer have their jobs.

"Give Al Rosen all the credit," said Chuck Tanner, manager of the Atlanta Braves. "It's truly remarkable how he put a pitching staff together in the heat of a pennant race. It's absolutely amazing how he went out and got exactly what they needed."

"It's by far the greatest job by a major league executive since Harding Peterson won us a pennant and a World Series with Pittsburgh in 1979 by acquiring Bill Madlock in midseason," added Tanner, who managed that team.

Tanner wasn't the only manager to marvel over Rosen's ability to assemble a championship team in a matter of weeks.

"If Al Rosen isn't the Executive of the Year, the award is rigged," the Los Angeles Dodgers' Tom LaSorda said late in the season. "Roger Craig has done a great job, too, but the key guy is Rosen for getting pitchers when he really needed them."

The Giants were struggling at midseason because they didn't have a stopper or a reliable bullpen. Rosen was determined to find a solution, and persisted even when the effort seemed futile.

When the Giants visited San Diego in June, for instance, Padres pitcher Eric Show was on the trading block, and there were signs that Dravecky had suddenly become unavailable. That all changed within a matter of days.

On July 4, the Giants acquired Dravecky and fellow lefthander Craig Lefferts from the Padres, along with third baseman Kevin Mitchell. They gave up Chris Brown and pitchers Mark Davis, Mark Grant and Keith Comstock.

Later that month, Rosen, still seeking pitching, was informed that Pittsburgh's Rick Reuschel was unavailable. He focused his attention on the Pirates' Don Robinson. Within three weeks, the Giants had both Pittsburgh right-handers. The Bucs were given pitchers Jeff Robinson and Jim

Gott, a pair of minor leaguers and cash.

"It's always been my thought that when you're in a real pennant race, pitching makes the difference," Rosen said. "I saw the way the Pirates were heading. They were going with youth."

The four new pitchers posted a 20-12 record and 11 saves, seven by Robinson. Dravecky pitched three shutouts, and added another with a

two-hitter in the second game of the playoffs. Reuschel, 38, fired two of his three career two-hitters. And Mitchell, a .245 hitter with the Padres, batted .306 with the Giants.

"The multiplayer trade with San Diego required particular vision," one executive said. "The subsequent trades strengthened the Giants and, more importantly, demoralized the competitors."

The players welcomed the front

office's commitment to winning, something they hadn't witnessed in the past. "To be honest, Al Rosen is our MVP," said outfielder Chili Davis, whose disposition brightened when the Giants became serious contenders.

Said assistant G.M. Ralph Nelson: "Al is a veteran of this business, so he does a lot of homework. He's constantly on the telephone, talking with other execs. His suc-

cess can be attributed to all those personal contracts, and he has a great awareness of what needs to be done."

Fittingly, it was one of the new pitchers, Robinson, who won the division pennant clincher September 28 in San Diego. Moreover, Robinson cracked a game-winning homer. It was a season in which everything Rosen touched turned to gold.

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# Redefining the Word 'Valuable'

By MARTY NOBLE

NEW YORK—Eyebrows were raised dramatically November 18 when Andre Dawson of the Chicago Cubs emerged as the winner of 1987 National League Most Valuable Player Award.

Dawson's victory prompted more than one double take. What was Dawson, whose team had finished in last place in the National League East, doing atop the MVP list?

Never before had there been such an apparent contradiction in the balloting for the most prestigious award in the game.

The precedent Dawson's election established was one matter; that he even placed among the top 10 flew in the face of recent MVP balloting. Players from last-place teams usually qualify as endangered species on the MVP ballot. If one receives support at all, it usually is to acknowledge that he had produced extraordinary numbers.

Somehow, in the absence of campaigning, Dawson altered the philosophy of the electorate, which consists of two beat reporters from each National League chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He prompted the voters to redefine

the word "valuable" as it pertains to the award.

The change in the voters' attitudes was one that a majority of players have supported for years. To the athletes, "most valuable" is synonymous with "best."

The change is dramatic. Consider these facts:

■ In the last 10 years, 85 percent of all MVP points awarded have gone to players whose teams have placed first, second or third. (In the case of the abridged 1981 season, the teams with the three best records in each division were considered.)

■ Some 48 percent of the MVP points have gone to players whose teams have won divisional championships.

■ A microscopic .013 of the MVP points—or 395.5 of the 26,139 points awarded—went to players from last-place teams.

Of the 395.5 points, 269 were awarded to Dawson this year. If those 269 and all points awarded in the 1987 National League balloting were removed, the figure for points awarded players from last-place teams is .004.

That Dawson produced an extraordinary season—a career season—cannot be disputed. But what does his election say to

other players who have produced career seasons and not been afforded similar consideration?

What is Ozzie Smith to make of this vote? His production—75 runs batted in, 104 runs and a .303 batting average—represents a career high. The Cardinals won the division championship and, it can be argued, would not have if only Smith's defense was removed from the equation.

Smith, his MVP chances hampered by the presence of teammate Jack Clark among the candidates, placed second to Dawson.

What is Keith Hernandez to make of this vote? In 1979, Hernandez, then with St. Louis, clearly had a better statistical season than Willie Stargell, but he had to share the MVP award ostensibly because Stargell's team—the Pirates—won and his didn't.

What is Wally Joyner to think? The 1987 statistics for the Angels' first baseman were comparable to those of the Yankees' Don Mattingly. Yet Mattingly received 92 points in the American League voting, and Joyner got 17. Part of that can be attributed to Mattingly's stature as one of the elite of the game and to his having won the award in 1985, when he

was named THE SPORTING NEWS Major League Player of the Year.

And what is the Braves' Dale Murphy to think? Atlanta placed fifth this year, and Murphy's production—accomplished with a lesser supporting cast than Dawson's—was comparable to Dawson's. Murphy received only 34 points, and he is a two-time MVP.

Why the electorate changed its pattern on the Dawson vote is an (Continued on Page 49, Column 1)

## Basement Ballots

Players from last-place teams who have received votes in the MVP balloting, 1978-1987:

Player	Points
*Andre Dawson, 1987 Cubs	269.0
Bill Buckner, 1981 Cubs	35.0
Mario Soto, 1983 Reds	16.0
Jesse Orosco, 1983 Mets	14.0
Phil Niekro, 1979 Braves	11.5
Bill Buckner, 1980 Cubs	11.0
Phil Niekro, 1978 Braves	8.0
Jeff Burroughs, 1978 Braves	7.0
Damaso Garcia, 1982 Blue Jays	5.0
Ruben Sierra, 1987 Rangers	5.0
Buddy Bell, 1984 Rangers	4.0
Leon Roberts, 1978 Mariners	3.0
Dale Murphy, 1986 Braves	2.0
Jim Presley, 1986 Mariners	2.0
Bob Brenly, 1984 Giants	1.0
Keith Hernandez, 1983 Mets	1.0
Bob Horner, 1979 Braves	1.0
Jeffrey Leonard, 1984 Giants	1.0
Gene Richards, 1980 Padres	1.0
Dave Stieb, 1981 Blue Jays	1.0
Gary Ward, 1982 Twins	1.0

\*Other than Dawson, who got 11 of the 24 first-place votes in 1987, no other player on a last-place team received a vote for higher than fifth place in the last 10 years.

## Butler Becomes a Giant: 'It's Not the Money'

SAN FRANCISCO—In the bad old days, prominent free agents shunned the San Francisco Giants as if they were housed in Count Dracula's castle.

Now that the Giants are winners, fewer players are scared off by the perceived horrors of Candlestick Park. The opportunity to earn \$1.8 million and play for the National League West champions convinced Brett Butler the Giants were the team for him.

"It's not the money," Butler said after agreeing to a two-year Giants contract December 1. "Cleveland offered me the same amount of money. I'm with a team that can win the division as well as the World Series."

The Giants coveted the fleet

center fielder as a leadoff hitter. Accordingly, Owner Bob Lurie was willing to give Butler a \$400,000 signing bonus plus \$700,000 guarantees for each of the next two years. The Indians, for whom Butler played four years, offered him two years and an option year.

The Indians insisted that Butler denied them a fair chance to compete for his services. Butler was paid \$765,000 last season after winning a salary arbitration case. He refused to negotiate with Hank Peters, new president of the Indians, unless it became apparent that the Indians' offer was for a firm three years and superior to those offered by other clubs.

The aggressive approach by

General Manager Al Rosen got Butler's attention.

"San Francisco wasn't one of the clubs I was interested in initially," Butler said. "I didn't think there was an opening. I thought they were happy with Chili (outfielder Chili Davis, who signed with California as a free agent). Then Rosen called and said he wanted me to be the center fielder. The other clubs didn't seem to be as interested in me as he was."

"But the bottom line is that every player dreams of winning a World Series and getting a ring. I think the Giants can do that."

Butler's agent, Dick Moss, talked with the Dodgers, Padres, Cubs, A's and Tigers as well as the Giants. But Butler wanted to re-

turn to the National League and he liked the idea of going from a last-place team to a first-place club, especially one managed by Roger Craig.

"I talked to Roger," Butler said. "He said, 'We run a lot. You're going to steal 60 bases.'"

Butler has averaged 40 steals in his five full years, one with Atlanta and four with Cleveland. He hit .295 last year to raise his career average to .280.

Because Butler is a Type A free agent, the Indians will receive the Giants' first-round pick in the 1988 June draft (the 17th choice overall) plus a supplementary pick between the first and second rounds of the draft.

GLENN SCHWARZ

## Angels End 6-Year Free-Agent Snub, Ink Davis

ANAHEIM—The California Angels ended their six-year snub of the free agent market when they signed former San Francisco outfielder Chili Davis on December 1.

Then, as the winter meetings opened December 6 in Dallas, the Angels traded center fielder Gary Pettis to the Detroit Tigers for righthander Dan Petry.

Petry won 107 games over eight years for the Tigers, but dipped to 9-7 with a 5.61 earned-run average in 1987. Nonetheless, Angels General Manager Mike Port said, "Petry will be in our rotation until he proves he can't start. Is it a gamble? No. We expect him to be a stabilizing force

on our staff."

Pettis hit .208 in '87, but Tigers G.M. Bill Lajoie said, "He's had four good years and won two Gold Gloves. We're not going to hold a bad month against him."

Pettis was expendable after the Angels landed the switch-hitting Davis, the club's first significant free-agent acquisition since Reggie Jackson in 1982. While Davis wanted out of Candlestick Park and Port had been after him for two years, the G.M. said, "We never had the right ammunition to make a deal."

Davis, 27, signed a one-year contract, believed in the \$900,000 range. He earned \$815,000 in 1987, when he contributed a .250 aver-

age, 24 homers and 76 RBIs to the Giants' drive to the National League West title despite a platoon arrangement that cut into his playing time.

"Money or the length of contract weren't important when it came to signing with the Angels," said Davis. "Playing in Southern California was something I wanted. It will enhance my abilities, especially as a hitter."

Davis grew up in Los Angeles, moving with his family from Kingston, Jamaica, at the age of 10. Devon White, who has the same birthplace, already is with the Angels who'll have the Kingston Duo in the outfield in 1988.

Davis rotated among all three

outfield positions with the Giants, but should be able to settle in right with the Angels. "That's what I'd prefer," he said. "I know White played mostly right last year, but he's so talented I'm sure he can adjust to playing anywhere."

Actually, White spent most of the last six weeks of his rookie season in center field, moving there when Pettis was sent to the minors.

During his six-year career, Davis has compiled a .267 average. His 265 extra-base hits include 101 homers, and 16 steals last year raised his career total to 95.

TOM SINGER

## Hoyt Faces More Charges Over Drugs

SAN DIEGO—The drug-plagued career of LaMarr Hoyt may have sputtered to its conclusion. Less than a week before he was to appear in federal court in San Diego to answer allegations that he tested positive for cocaine three times in October, Hoyt was arrested December 5 in his hometown of Columbia, S.C., on two felony drug charges.

Meanwhile, Hoyt's agent, Ron Shapiro, told the Chicago White Sox that Hoyt had decided to drop out of baseball. Hoyt was signed to a minor league contract with the White Sox last July after the San Diego Padres released him.

Hoyt, 32, was charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine and marijuana. He was arrested after Richland County Sheriff's Department officers presented a search warrant, entered his apartment and found two grams of cocaine and several plastic bags containing small amounts of marijuana. Inspector Allen Sloan said agents also seized drug paraphernalia that included "instruments to cut (dilute) cocaine."

According to police, Hoyt responded to their search by saying, "Oh, no, not again." He was released on a \$20,000 bond.

According to a probation report filed in U.S. District Court in San Diego on November 12, Hoyt tested positive for cocaine in urine samples given October 6, October 20 and October 30. Verification of the positive test would constitute a violation of Hoyt's five-year federal probation, and he could be ordered back to prison.

The Padres released Hoyt without pay on January 7, 1987, after he'd had three drug-related scrapes in 1986. In June, after arbitrator George Nicolau declared the release invalid, the Padres waived Hoyt again, this time with full pay. The Padres paid him nearly \$880,000 in 1987 and owe him \$1.1 million in 1988 and \$1.1 million in 1989.

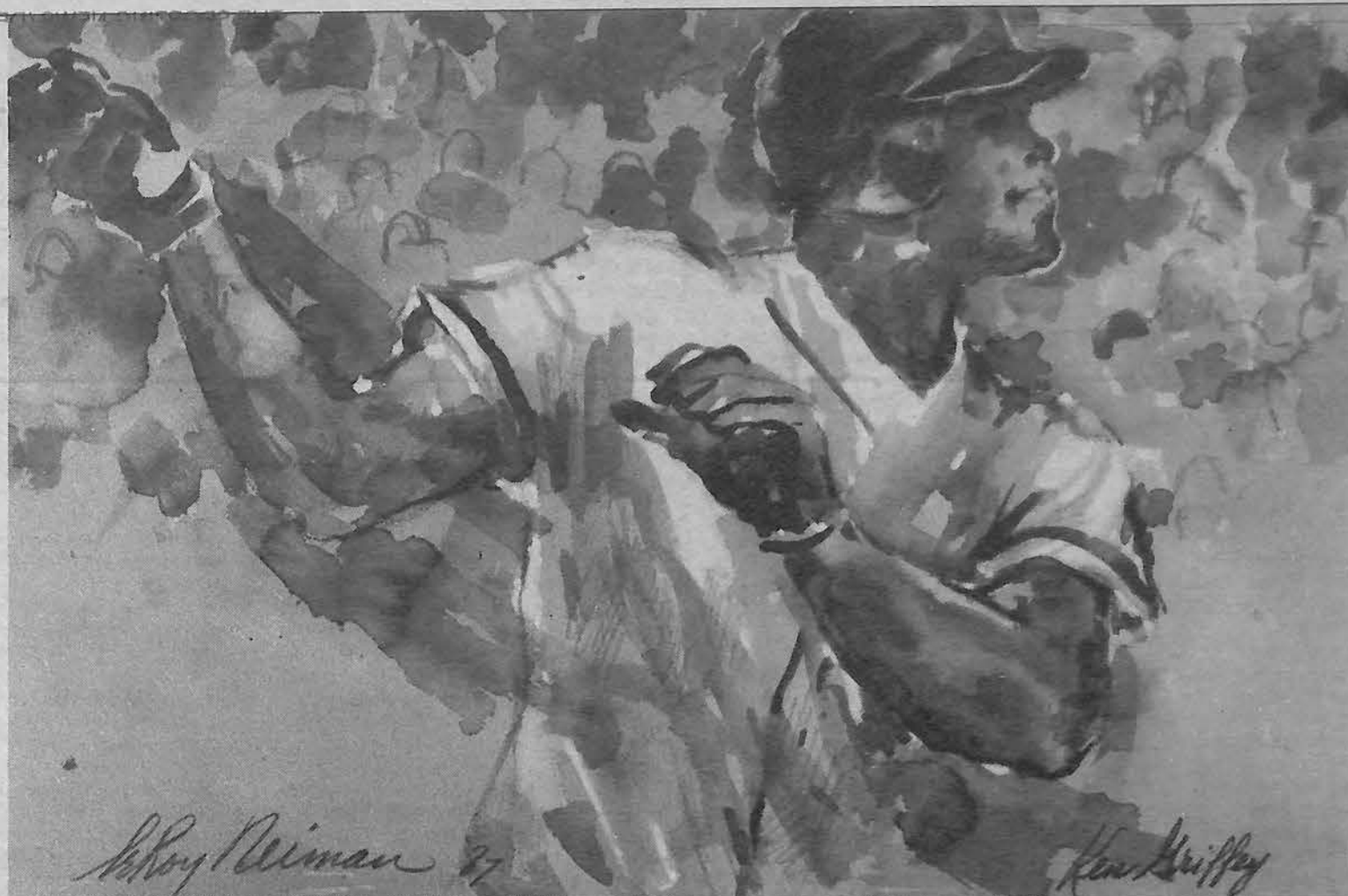
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Gary Ward, N.Y. (8-12, 2 2B, 5 RBI)  
Darrell Evans, Det. (6-10, 2B, 4 RBI)  
George Hendrick, Cal. (6-15, 3 HR, 10 RBI)



## BASEBALL

**PETER PASCARELLI**  
N.L. BEAT

# Rosen Again Shows N.L. Rivals How It's Done

PHILADELPHIA—If Al Rosen keeps this up, he might end up becoming the commissioner when Peter Ueberroth walks off into the corporate sunset.

Rosen first showed other teams how to wheel and deal your way through a pennant race when he built the Giants' pitching staff on the fly during the National League West stretch run.

Now, Rosen has taken two years of collusion and stuffed them into a paper shredder with his bold move to sign free agent Brett Butler, who will be the Giants' center fielder and leadoff hitter. In the process, Butler plugs the one potential hole in an otherwise very solid club.

The Giants won't even be hurt much in terms of the amateur draft choices awarded as compensation. Although they will lose their first-round pick to Cleveland as compensation for Butler, they will receive a supplemental selection between the first two rounds and California's second pick because the Angels signed the Giants' free-agent outfielder, Chili Davis.

The implications of all this go beyond just the Giants. Butler is the first free agent in three years to change teams and sign for a raise while his old club still had bargaining rights. So the question is: Does this signal a return to the wild days of yesteryear, when every free agent was made of gold and few clubs were immune to the attraction of throwing millions at anybody and everybody?

Not necessarily. What does appear to be

happening is that teams are looking at free agents this year on a case-by-case basis instead of marching arm-in-arm to the beat of the same drummer. It well may be that clubs finally will start using free agency in the way they should have from the beginning.

Clubs are likely to avoid multi-team bidding wars whenever possible. There probably will be few contracts offered of more than two years in length, thereby reducing the financial risks. And teams probably will look at free agents as a last ingredient, not as a quick fix for all that ails them.

So a team such as the Phillies, who need pitching, has made offers to half a dozen free-agent pitchers, but not the high-priced Jack Morris and Dave Righetti. Los Angeles is looking at such free-agent veterans as Glenn Hubbard and Ron Oester for needed infield insurance. Cincinnati, which is worried about the condition of pitcher Ron Robinson's elbow, is considering the free-agent route to add a righthander to a pitching staff that presently has seven lefthanders.

Free agency unfortunately got bogged down historically by the showy signings of expensive big-name players. Then it nearly died at the hands of collusion. Free agency appears on the way to becoming the useful tool it always could have been, however. And Rosen's latest bold initiative has played a major role.

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With all the returns finally in on all the various postseason awards, a post-mortem is in order on the N.L. Most Valuable Player Award.

The selection of this voter has not been revealed previously in deference to the urgings of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. But now that Andre Dawson has been officially crowned, it can be reported that this first-place vote went to Ozzie Smith, with the second-place vote going to Dawson. People have been debating the meaning of the MVP for years. Any definitions should underscore that the player who wins the award should be someone who had the biggest impact on the league, however, not necessarily the player that had the best statistics. The Cubs finished last with Dawson and obviously could have finished last without him, but Chicago's last-place finish was not the main reason for making him the runner-up.

As great as Dawson's 1987 season was, it came in a year in which offensive statistics were inflated everywhere. There were nine N.L. players with 100 or more runs batted in and 19 with 25 or more home runs. So Dawson's career season was not a glaring contrast to the rest of the league. Meanwhile, Smith was the biggest day-to-day reason why the Cardinals won the pennant. He hit .303, drove in 75 runs, scored 103 and stole 43 bases while hitting in the No. 2 spot of a

batting order that was totally reliant on the production of its first two hitters.

Defensively, Smith had another of the seasons only he is capable of having. Cards Manager Whitey Herzog has estimated in the past that Smith might save between 50 and 75 runs a year.

Such projections are, of course, impossible to confirm. But Smith has set an unassailable standard for excellence and in this, his greatest season, when his value was never greater to a pennant-winning club, it should have been the time for him to be recognized as the league's MVP.

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You have to wonder seriously about Dodgers General Manager Fred Claire's ability to judge baseball talent when he can't even judge the talent of loyal employees who have worked for him for decades.

In his rush to be community-minded, Claire forced longtime publicity director Steve Brenner out of his job by bringing in ex-basketball player Tommy Hawkins as the club's vice-president for marketing and public relations. In the process, Brenner's 18 years of loyal and highly competent service were passed aside without a thank you.

It was just another indication of how far the once-proud franchise has sunk. And it demonstrates anew how far out of touch Owner Peter O'Malley has become since he allows this stuff to keep happening.

**MOSS KLEIN**  
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# Orioles to Be Real Test for Hemond's Vitality

NEWARK, N.J.—In terms of sheer exuberance, Roland Hemond, new general manager of the Baltimore Orioles, is the front-office version of Ernie Banks. The former Cubs star was known for his delightful enthusiasm, his daily motto being: "Let's play two, it's a great day for baseball."

Hemond shares that approach. And that should be an especially valuable trait now, because the Orioles figure to test his famed vitality.

Hemond is well versed in rebuilding projects, having spent 16 years with the Chicago White Sox, including a creative chunk as general manager during the ownership of the late Bill Veeck, whose operation featured huge supplies of imagination and spirit, but a virtually nonexistent supply of money.

At the end of the 1985 season, Hemond was dismissed by the White Sox and replaced by broadcaster Hawk Harrelson in a Steinbrenneresque move by co-owners Jerry Reinsdorf and Eddie Einhorn, a move from which the White Sox are still trying to recover.

Hemond spent the last two years with the commissioner's office as an adviser and goodwill ambassador. He said he enjoyed the job immensely, but had "a yearning to get back to a team."

His new job certainly represents a major challenge. The Orioles have spent the last two years tarnishing their image as a perennial power. Last season's 65-97 record was the team's worst since 1955. However, said Hemond: "I don't feel we're rebuilding. We have quite a nucleus of guys who have been winners. We're not as

far off from being contenders as people seem to think."

That's the old Hemond enthusiasm talking. Basically, the Orioles have an overload of aging veterans and a scarcity of young prospects. Most of the Orioles who used to be winners are steadily declining.

First baseman Eddie Murray can still hit, but often seems to lose interest. Outfielder Fred Lynn, who'll be 36 in February, endorses a three-day work week. Catcher Terry Kennedy is 31, third baseman Ray Knight is 35 and lefty Scott McGregor will be 34 in January. Bullpen ace Don Aase, usually injured, isn't expected to make a full comeback.

Hemond said there's no thought of trading Murray. "People say he had a bad year," Hemond said, "but check his numbers (30 homers, 91 RBIs). That's a bad year? If I had been astute enough to trade for him when I was in Chicago, I'd still be there."

Hemond said shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. won't be moved to third base "unless we come up with a surprising trade for a top shortstop."

Even Hemond concedes the Orioles have pitching problems, an understatement for a staff that had a 5.01 ERA, gave up a record 226 home runs and blew 33 of 63 save opportunities. But, said Hemond, "Every club needs pitching, so we're not at a great disadvantage. A few young guys—Eric Bell, John Habyan and Jeff Ballard—were rushed last year because pitching was so desperately needed. They got their feet wet and I think they're going to help."

Hemond's job in the commissioner's office prevented him from watching any team closely and maybe that's why he is optimistic. "I remember the Orioles as a team that always won," he said. "I can't comprehend what they were the last two years. But whatever went wrong, I think we'll start improving."

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Cleveland's loss of center fielder Brett Butler, who signed with the Giants as a free agent, means the Indians will increase efforts to acquire Mookie Wilson from the New York Mets. . . . California made a good pickup in free agent outfielder Chili Davis, who was unhappy playing at Candlestick Park. The Angels think Davis has the potential to be a 30-homer, 100-RBI man if he's content. The Yankees nearly traded Don Mattingly for Davis after the 1983 season.

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In the spirit of the holiday season, here are A.L. players who spent 1987 finding that it's easier to receive than to give—the worst players, dollar for dollar. To be eligible, a salary exceeding \$600,000 is required, since the average 1987 salary was approximately \$406,000. Only the outrageously overpaid are admitted here. Those who missed significant time because of injuries are excused.

• Neil Allen, Yankees. Salary \$1.26 million. Combined 0-8 record, 5.93 ERA in 23 games for White Sox and Yankees.

• Bob Stanley, Red Sox. Salary \$1.075 million. A 4-15 record, 5.01 ERA. Only 12 major league pitchers were paid more.

• Willie Hernandez, Tigers. Salary \$1.06 million. His 3-4 record and eight saves

hardly indicate his ineffectiveness.

• George Hendrick, Angels. Salary \$983,000. Highest paid non-pitcher on last-place team batted .241 with five homers, 25 RBIs in 65 games.

• Steve Trout, Yankees. Salary \$890,000. After trade by Cubs in July became colossal failure. Was 6-3 with Cubs, but his 0-4 mark and 6.60 ERA as a Yankee don't come close to showing his futility.

• Joe Niekro, Twins. Salary \$775,000. Was 7-13 with 5.33 ERA for Yankees and Twins. Emery board caper was a bonus.

• Alan Wiggins, Orioles. Salary \$762,500. Batted .232 in 85 games, had several altercations and was released.

Other top-dollar players were rarely given a chance and therefore contributed almost nothing. The highest paid spectators: Kansas City's Dan Quisenberry, \$2,293,509; Cleveland's now retired Andre Thornton, \$1.1 million; Milwaukee's Cecil Cooper, \$839,930.

Several useful but fading stars no longer measured up to salaries agreed to before this era of economic restraint. The top luxury items: Boston's Jim Rice, \$2,221,629; Baltimore's Fred Lynn, \$1.34 million; Detroit's Dan Petry, \$975,000; Milwaukee's Jim Gantner, \$937,500.

Then there's the All-Fragile team, the chronically injured former stars who received their checks while on the disabled list. The leaders: Oakland's Joaquin Andujar, \$1,353,333; California's Donnie Moore, \$1 million; Baltimore's Scott McGregor, \$977,000; Oakland's Moose Haas, \$780,000; California's Butch Wynegar, \$733,333; Baltimore's Don Aase, \$625,000.



## BASEBALL

## CAUGHT ON THE FLY

## Twins Buck Trend

The payrolls of half the major league clubs dropped last season while the world champion Twins showed the sharpest increase, according to a report prepared for the 26 teams by the Player Relations Committee, which represents ownership. The Yankees had the highest total payroll of \$18.5 million and the Mariners were the lowest at \$5.6 million. The Braves were the second highest at \$14.4 million with the Dodgers and the Mets also topping the \$14 million mark. The Twins increased their payroll nearly \$3.5 million to \$13.3 million. The average player's salary decreased from \$410,517 in 1986 to \$402,094 this year, according to the report. The owners' figures often differ slightly from those compiled by the Major League Players Association.

## Ongoing Controversy

Chicago Mayor Harold Washington, before his death November 25, endorsed the Cubs' proposal to play 18 night games at Wrigley Field in the 1988 season, but residents in the ball park area won't give up the fight. They now are threatening to vote the North Side neighborhood dry, thus prohibiting beer sales at Wrigley Field. . . . The Tigers have named Jeff Odenwald vice-president for marketing, communications and public relations. Odenwald, 41, had been with the Cubs since 1982 as director of marketing, radio and television and merchandising.

## Bayens to Savannah

The Cardinals have purchased the Savannah (South Atlantic) franchise from Tom Lewis and his daughter, Tracy, appointed Jim Bayens as general manager and signed a two-year lease with the city to play at Savannah's Grayson Stadium. Tracy Lewis gained national renown as the first black woman president of a professional baseball club. Bayens, 57, worked for the Cardinals in various capacities from 1963 through 1982, including a five-year stint as director of scouting and player development for the St. Louis club. For the last five years he has been in private business. . . . The Lynchburg (Carolina) Red Sox named Paul Sunwall as general manager. He succeeds Frank Cappiello, who resigned to enter private business. Sunwall, 40, has been assistant G.M. at Lynchburg since 1980. . . . Wendell Kim will return as manager of the Phoenix (Pacific Coast) Firebirds for the 1988 season.

## Position Reversed

National Little League officials, under pressure from elected officials and facing a possible lawsuit, reversed themselves and sanctioned a unique league for handicapped children. Little League directors had threatened to revoke the charter of the entire 32-team Brockton (Mass.) affiliate if three teams in the Downey Memorial Special Needs Baseball League were not prohibited from competing. Massachusetts officials threatened to sue Little League, and Sen. John F. Kerry vowed to ask Congress to amend the organization's national charter to require it to recognize the special needs children. Kerry threw the first pitch of

the Downey Memorial Special Needs League last season. . . . South Atlantic League directors have awarded Sumter, S.C., the Class A loop's all-star game, scheduled Monday night, July 11, at Riley Park. League President John Henry Moss and Sumter General Manager Ed Holtz said the game

would feature a new format next year, matching an all-star contingent from the league's Northern and Southern divisions against the Double-A Greenville (Southern) Braves.

## Cards Have a Winner

"That's A Winner," the Cardinals' highlight videotape, is avail-

able by mail and telephone orders. The videotape, which will be in both VHS and Beta formats, will cost \$24.95, including tax, handling and UPS delivery. Orders can be placed by calling (800) 451-7020 and using any major credit card. Mail orders should be addressed to "That's A Winner," P.O. Box 68618,

Indianapolis, Ind. 46268. Jack Buck narrates the 67-minute videotape. . . . Chuck Domino, who was general manager of the Idaho Falls Braves, has replaced Julian McCracken as the G.M. of the Reading (Eastern) Phillies. Domino was the 1986 Pioneer League Executive of the Year.

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## PHILLIES



In completing their winter roster, the Philadelphia Phillies left unprotected two pitchers with considerable major league experience. Joe Cowley and Dave Rozema are eligible to be selected for the \$50,000 draft price at the winter meetings. Cowley was 0-4 with a 15.43 earned-run average for the Phils and 3-9 with a 7.86 ERA with Maine (International) last season. Rozema, 31, was signed by Maine from a semi-pro league late last season. He had a 3-0 record and a 2.92 ERA in five starts, two of which he completed.

Rookie Greg Jelks, who spent most of last season playing third base and first base at Maine, is playing right field in Puerto Rico's winter league. Jelks hit .266 with 23 home runs for Maine. . . . Reading first baseman Ricky Jordan, winner of the 1987 Paul Owens Award as the best player in the Phils' minor league system, had the lowest strikeout per at-bats ratio (one per 12.41) in the Eastern League. Jordan, 22, hit .318 with 16 home runs and 95 runs batted in. "Ricky made so much improvement in one year it's hard to believe," said Reading Manager George Culver.

Ron Jones, who was the Florida State League's most valuable player and batting champion in 1986, hit only .247 in 90 games at Maine last season. But the Phillies were encouraged by the 23-year-old outfielder's performance in the instructional league. "It was a tough year because he was hurt twice," said Maine Manager Bill Dancy. "But he was swinging the bat much better and driving the ball late in the season. He came to the instructional league at 196 pounds, and the real Ron Jones came out again—awesome with the bat."

The Phillies will honor Richie Ashburn's 40 years in baseball with a special promotion and ceremony before their game with the Astros July 16 at Veterans Stadium. Ashburn, THE SPORTING NEWS 1948 Rookie of the Year, played 12 seasons with the Phillies. Last year marked his 25th season broadcasting games for the club. . . . The Phillie Phanatic, with Dave Raymond in the costume, will cele-

## Contract Delay Concerns Clark

ST. LOUIS—Jack Clark, who suffered a sprained right ankle and torn tissue in his right leg not to try running until January.

But Clark, a free agent who hit 35 homers and drove in 106 runs for the St. Louis Cardinals last season, said his ankle "feels a lot better. It just needs rest."

Clark undergoes treatment for his leg three times a week when in St. Louis and is expected to be ready for spring training. Whether that will be at the Cards' camp in St. Petersburg, Fla., is still uncertain, although it is likely the Cards will re-sign Clark. That doesn't mean, however, that he won't explore other options.

"The last thing I heard was that we were pretty much at an impasse," Clark said. "You've got to check out all your angles."

Clark is concerned that he doesn't have a new contract.

"I think I should be concerned," he said. "I don't understand what's so difficult. I'm not frustrated, but I'm discouraged enough that I don't even care to get involved. This should be an exciting time. It seems like such an easy thing. I guess it isn't."

The Cardinals opted to go to arbitration with Clark to settle his contract dispute, and Clark has until December 19 to decide whether he wants to go to arbitration or remain a free agent.

"Arbitration is an option," Clark said. "But whether we would use it as an option, I don't think so. That's not the direction we're thinking about going. We're either thinking about signing a deal here and staying or going elsewhere to look for work."

Tom Reich and Bill Landman, Clark's agents, apparently have agreed with Cardinals General Manager Dal Maxvill that Clark's contract should be a two-year deal based on the number of games he plays. The snag concerns how many games Clark should play before reaching what would be a \$2 million ceiling.

"We're not trying to step on any toes," said Clark, who has averaged 95 games a year the last four seasons. "We'll talk to them, but time is running out. They'll do what they have to do, and we'll do what we have to. It's not a nuclear war yet. We're just using popguns."

Clark would have to re-sign

with the Cardinals by January 8, or he couldn't re-sign with them until May 1.

"I have kids. I have schools to worry about," he said. "At this point, I'm hoping something would be done before Christmas. After a while, you get a little disappointed that the Cardinals haven't been able to come to terms, to show a little better effort. They signed (catcher Tony) Pena during the season, when they told me nobody was going to sign. Then they turn around and sign Pena for a lot of money for two years. I'm having a tough time getting two years."

"Am I that bad a guy? I didn't expect that from the Cardinals. I guess I have to look at it as a business. Maybe I didn't drink enough beer. It would be nice to have it all taken care of for the fans, too. Everybody would feel like, if they're paying an extra buck for tickets, they're doing it for the right reason."

Said Maxvill: "I would not say we're at an impasse. There's a difference over performance levels. We're continuing to talk about it. We expect to sign him."

RICK HUMMEL

brate his 10th birthday before the Phillies' game with Montreal April 24 at Veterans Stadium.

## METS



Tampa police officer David P. Bryant, 29, who was disciplined for his actions in the case involving New York Mets righthander Dwight Gooden last December, has been fired because of five violations since February, six in 1985 and two earlier ones. The violations, according to a police spokesman, included "failure to be courteous" and "conduct unbecoming an officer."

The Mets went to the winter meetings dangling outfielder Mookie Wilson, lefthanded reliever Jesse Orosco and shortstop Rafael Santana as trade bait. "Unlike other years, when we went after specific players, this year we are looking to clarify our own situation," said Joe McIlvaine, a Mets vice-president. "What we are looking for is a righthander who can complement Roger McDowell in

the bullpen—someone who can throw 90 miles an hour or so. We have a shopping list." McIlvaine called Wilson "one of the game's finest gentlemen. We don't want to trade him. But he has asked to be traded, and we will try to accommodate him."

The Indians supposedly are interested in acquiring Wilson. . . . McIlvaine denied a report that the Mets might trade Keith Hernandez. . . . McIlvaine also said it is highly unlikely the Mets will trade a starting pitcher. "I'd say it's 95-5 against us trading one of them," he said. "We like our depth. After last year (when every starter spent time on the disabled list), we can't have enough starting pitching. We will do something at the meetings, but on what scale, I can't tell you." . . . The Mets hope to retain their three free agents—John Candelaria, Lee Mazzilli and Bill Almon. . . . Nine Mets are eligible for arbitration. . . . Clint Hurdle was named manager and Bob Apodaca pitching coach of the Mets' new St. Lucie (Florida State) club.

## EXPOS



As many as four pitchers who spent last season at Jacksonville (Southern)—starters John Dopson, Brian Holman and Randy Johnson and reliever Gary Wayne—could be wearing Montreal Expos uniforms next season. "If the Expos need starters early, they can choose from three or four guys and be sure they'll be OK," said Joe Kerrigan, the pitching coach at Jacksonville last season, who will serve in the same capacity this season at Indianapolis (American Association). "Talent has taken these guys this far. Knowledge will get them farther." Dopson, 24, is a righthander who relies on a sinker and a slider. Holman is a 22-year-old righthander who led the Southern League with

a 2.50 earned-run average in 151 innings. Johnson, a 6-10 lefthander, led the Southern League with 163 strikeouts in 140 innings. Kerrigan said that Johnson "has the knack of not giving up hits after walks, of striking people out after giving up walks. He'll get more refined. His potential is limitless."

The Expos also will give Sergio Valdez, who was 10-7 with 128 strikeouts in 158 innings at Indianapolis, a long look next spring. . . . Second baseman Johnny Paredes, who hit .312 at Indianapolis this year, was hitting .320 one-third of the way through the Venezuelan winter league schedule. . . . Ubaldo Heredia, who pitched as a 30-year-old rookie with the Expos last summer, was 3-1 with a 1.35 ERA in his first six starts in the Venezuelan winter league.

## CUBS



Two former major league managers, Joe Altobelli and Chuck Cottier, have joined the Chicago Cubs' coaching staff. Altobelli, Manager of the Year in both the National League (with the Giants) and the American League

(with the Orioles), will be the batting coach. Cottier, a former Mariners manager, will coach third base. The rest of the staff includes first-base coach Jose Martinez, bullpen coach Larry Cox and pitching coach Dick Pole. . . . The Cubs added minor league pitchers Mike Capel, Len Damian, Jeff Hirsch, Joe Kraemer and Dave Masters and outfielders Doug Dascenzo, Rolando Roomes and Dwight Smith to their 40-man roster. . . . National League Most Valuable Player Andre Dawson was named Chicago player of the year by the local chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

## PIRATES



The Pittsburgh Pirates hope to have their first Hall of Fame inductee since Roberto Clemente: Willie Stargell is on the ballot for the first time. In a 21-year-career, Stargell hit 475 home runs and led the National League in homers twice. Stargell hit .282 with 1,540 runs batted in.

Two other Pirates greats are on the ballot, Bill Mazeroski and ElRoy Face. Mazeroski set major league records for most double plays in a season and career by a second baseman, led the league in assists nine times, had 500 assists in five different seasons, won eight Gold Gloves and hit the most famous home run in World Series history, a leadoff homer in the bottom of the seventh game in 1960 that lifted Pittsburgh to a 10-9 victory over the Yankees. Face holds the N.L. record for victories in relief (96) and posted an 18-1 record in 1959, when he had a .947 winning percentage, a major league record.

## CARDINALS



The St. Louis Cardinals were hoping to acquire a righthanded starting pitcher at the winter meetings. "If the price is too high for that type of starter, we may be looking for middle relief," said General Manager Dal Maxvill. . . . Outfielder Vince Coleman married Lynnette Allen in Louisiana over Thanksgiving. Teammates Ozzie Smith, Terry Pendleton, Willie McGee and Curt Ford were in the wedding party. . . . The Cardinals have purchased their Savannah (South Atlantic) club. Jim Bayens, who worked for the Cardinals in various capacities from 1963-82, was named Savannah's general manager.

## Dunston Wants to Stay

CHICAGO—Shortstop Shawon Dunston is concerned about all the trade rumors circling about the Chicago Cubs.

"I've heard some rumors; I just hope I don't get traded," said Dunston, who now lives in Chicago with his new bride, Tracy.

When Don Zimmer, the Cubs' new manager, was the Cubs' third-base coach from 1984-86, one of his projects was to improve Dunston's fielding.

"He really stayed on me when I didn't work hard enough," Dunston recalled. "I learned one thing: He yelled at you whether you were a rookie or a veteran—and he'll tell you right in your

face. He doesn't care. He expects everybody to work hard. He kept telling me, 'Chris Speier is 35 years old and you're 22, and he's outworking you.'"

"I realize now what he was talking about. I know I have to work hard, to practice hard."

Dunston plans to lift weights this winter to try to strengthen his right hand, which was surgically repaired last season.

"It's all right," he said. "The pin is still in. The doctors say they could take it out, but they want to leave it in for a year and a half. It's only been half a year. I guess I'll have it in for another year."

DAVE van DYCK

## Barger Is Bucs' President

PITTSBURGH—The Pittsburgh Pirates named attorney Carl Barger as their club president and retiring Westinghouse Electric Corp. president Douglas D. Danforth as chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

The two were approved unanimously by the Pirates' 13-member board of directors following a six-week search for a successor to Malcolm (Mac) Prine. The appointments are subject to approval by the National League and are to be submitted during the winter meetings at Dallas.

Barger, 55, will oversee the day-to-day operation of the club. Danforth, 65, will represent the Pirates at owners' meetings.

Barger had been the team's general counsel and had served as interim president since Prine's surprising resignation on October 23 following a power struggle with popular General Manager Syd Thrift.

Barger and Danforth were leaders in forming the public-private coalition that purchased the Pirates in 1984.

BOB HERTZEL



## BASEBALL

## N.L. WEST

## GIANTS



The San Francisco Giants went to the winter meetings with a short shopping list. As far as General Manager Al Rosen was concerned, the only thing the team needed was a utility middle infielder. "He doesn't even have to be a good all-around player," Rosen said. "We're looking for someone who can run and pick up the ball." The Giants got their desired basestealing leadoff hitter by signing free agent Brett Butler (see page 50). At the same time, they parted company with three of their own free-agent outfielders and resigned one. Chili Davis joined the California Angels, and the Giants informed Eddie Milner and Dave Henderson they would not pursue them. Backup Joel Youngblood, 36, agreed to a one-year contract for \$320,000, or \$130,000 less than he earned last season. The Giants continued to negotiate with pitchers Atlee Hammaker and Joe Price.

How soon they forget. Minutes after the Angels announced they had signed Davis, a Giants employee pulled his framed color photo off the wall in the club office. . . . The Giants will be reminded of Davis next June. As compensation for losing a Type A free agent, they will receive a supplemental selection after the first round of the amateur draft and the Angels' second-round pick. The Giants, as compensation for Butler, relinquish their first-round pick to Cleveland. . . . Wayne Hagin will return to the Giants' radio booth for a second year. His partner, Ron Fairly, has a second year left on his contract. . . . Rosen said firmly that pitcher Rick Reuschel, who demanded a trade in an attempt to get a guarantee for 1989, will be a Giant next year. "Go to the bank on that," Rosen said. "I'll talk to his agent at the winter meetings. We'll come up with something."

## ASTROS



It's possible that pitcher Joaquin Andujar, who began his major league career with the Houston Astros in 1976, will rejoin the team in 1988. Andujar was 3-5 with Oakland in 1987 and did not pitch after August 3 because of a pulled muscle in his forearm. After the 35-year-old free agent was examined by the Astros' medical personnel, acting General Manager Bill Wood and Randy Hendricks, Andujar's agent, held the first round of talks about bringing the pitcher back to Houston. "He (Andujar) volunteered to come here for a medical examination," said Wood. "Results showed that he's fine from the standpoint of things that have bothered him in the past. We were interested to see if he was healthy. It wasn't that long ago he was racking up a lot of victories. I'm optimistic about the possibility of him playing here, but saying we're optimistic doesn't mean we're certain. He's a free agent, and he's free to talk to whomever he chooses."

The Astros traded Andujar to St. Louis in 1981 for outfielder Tony

Scott. While with the Cardinals, he was a combined 41-26 in 1984 and '85. He was traded to Oakland after the 1985 season. In St. Louis, Andujar met Astros Manager Hal Lanier, who was then a coach with the Cardinals. "I think it (the current discussion) was initiated, as much as anything, by Hal and Joaquin being such good friends," said Hendricks. "As well as the fact that Joaquin is on good terms with Dr. McMullen (Owner John McMullen) and Bill Wood. They think highly of him."

The Astros eliminated Lee Thomas from their search for a general manager. Thomas, director of player development for the St. Louis Cardinals, was informed of the rejection December 3. "I have no animosity, but I think I could have been told a little sooner," said Thomas, whom the Astros interviewed twice. "It got to be where the people here with the Cardinals were asking me what was going on and where things stood. It got to be a difficult situation." McMullen said four candidates remained. Those known were Wood and Bill Bergesch, fired as G.M. at Cincinnati in October.

Leslie Leary, general manager at Auburn, the Astros' New York-Penn League club, was named the Rawlings Woman Executive of the Year. Leary has been at Auburn for four seasons. . . . The Astros hired F.D. (Cotton) Nix and Mike Maggart as part-time scouts. Dix will scout the Dallas-Fort Worth area, while Maggart will handle New York and Pennsylvania. Dix scouted seven years for the Texas Rangers and worked for San Diego last season. Maggart was a college baseball coach at various schools on the East Coast the last nine years.

## REDS



Dave Parker, the acknowledged leader in the Cincinnati Reds' clubhouse since he signed with the team as a free agent after the 1983 season, has been the subject of trade talks with Oakland and the New York Yankees. "I heard I was supposed to have provided negative leadership last season," Parker said. For three seasons, Manager Pete Rose spoke only positively about his right fielder, but the relationship cooled this year. Parker, 36, batted just .253, although he hit 26 homers and drove in 97 runs despite a sore knee that required postseason surgery. In four seasons with the Reds, Parker has hit 107 homers, driven in 432 runs and played in 631 of a possible 648 games. "I don't know why Pete is saying the things he is saying," said Parker, who claimed that Rose had charged him with misguiding the Reds' young blacks: Kal Daniels, Barry Larkin and Eric Davis, who calls Parker "Pops," the nickname Willie Stargell owned when Parker was breaking in with Pittsburgh. "All I know," said Parker, "is I played hurt and I played under all conditions. If they trade me, it'll be Cincinnati's loss and New York's or Oakland's gain. Not to blow my own horn, but if I leave, the Reds won't be a No. 1 or No. 2 contender. They'll be third or fourth. Tracy Jones and Paul O'Neill combined won't fill the void I'd leave. Both together can't pro-

duce the numbers I have for four years. . . . If Pete doesn't think I was a leader, well, I don't understand why he doesn't. What changed? Pete is Pete, and I still respect him for his contributions to the game and as a player. If they trade me, it'll be the second biggest mistake they ever made. The biggest was when they traded Frank Robinson."

Before the winter meetings, the Reds cleared a spot on the 40-man roster by outrighting catcher-infielder Lloyd McClendon to Nashville (American Association). . . . Former general manager Bill Bergesch, whose attempt to move Ted Power late last season was blocked because Owner Marge Schott said the pitcher visited hospitals and accommodated fans who sought his signature, found humor in Power's recent trade to Kansas City. "What did he do, quit signing autographs?" Bergesch said.

## DODGERS



Terry Collins, the manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers' Triple-A affiliate at Albuquerque (Pacific Coast), was once considered the eventual successor to Tommy Lasorda. Then came a succession of poor finishes in the PCL and, worse, a midsummer newspaper article in which Collins lashed out at Lasorda and others who had criticized Albuquerque's failure to produce an adequate number of big league prospects. The retort did nothing to improve Collins' standing within the organization, and it appeared that his road to the big leagues had become a dead end. In fact, there was talk that he would not be retained. "I was prepared to take what was coming," said Collins, 38. "A lot of the things I said shouldn't have been said." But Collins talked out his differences with Lasorda and is back on the doorstep to the majors after being named Minor League Manager of the Year by THE SPORTING NEWS for piloting the Dukes to their first title since 1982. Lasorda will be in the final season of his contract in 1988. When President Peter O'Malley announced Lasorda would be back in '88—and denied other clubs permission to talk with his manager—he said nothing about the following year.

Included on the Dodgers' spring exhibition schedule is a game against Japan's Chunichi Dragons, two games in Puerto Rico and a game against Baltimore at Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami. The last, at night on March 11, will be the first baseball game played at the new home of the NFL's Dolphins. The opponent in Puerto Rico March 14-15 will be Montreal. The Dodgers meet world champion Minnesota twice and the Mets four times. The Dodgers open their 40th spring slate in Vero Beach, Fla., on March 3 against Chunichi, which will train at Dodgertown for three weeks. . . . The Dodgers will open and close the regular season at home against San Francisco. . . . Field coordinator Guy Wellman, on the work of John Roseboro, who managed one of the Dodgers' two entries in the Arizona Instructional League: "John knows as much about all facets of baseball as anyone. When he went to Arizona he was a little rusty. But he listened to

his staff and impressed everyone. His players realized what an outstanding hitter and catcher he was."

## BRAVES



The most encouraging news from the winter leagues for the Atlanta Braves was the play of David Justice, considered the top prospect among the organization's outfielders. Justice, 21, had 10 doubles and 16 RBIs in his first 100 at-bats for Lara, the leaguer leader in Venezuela. Plagued by a wrist injury, Justice hit only .227 at Greenville (Southern) this year, but the Braves expect him to jump to Richmond (International) next season. . . . To the surprise of few, infielder Damaso Garcia did not play during the first half of the schedule in the Dominican Republic winter league. Garcia, who was paid \$850,000 this year, underwent two arthroscopic operations on his left knee and appeared in only one game, that with Richmond. The Braves hoped Garcia, a two-time All-Star second baseman while with Toronto, would play in the winter league to prepare for a possible switch to third base next spring. . . . Reliever Paul Assenmacher, whose 5.10 earned-run average this year was more than twice as high as the mark he posted in his rookie season, ranked sixth in the Dominican league in ERA (1.59) after six appearances with Escogido.

For the second consecutive year, the Braves offered salary arbitration to free-agent pitcher David Palmer. He accepted the offer last year and received a \$725,000 salary for 1987. The Braves want Palmer to take a cut. Palmer, who was 8-11 with a career-high 4.90 ERA, wants a two-year contract worth about \$1.8 million. . . . What is reliever Ed Olwine doing this winter? Selling popcorn and other items as a strolling vendor at The Omni, Atlanta's foremost sports arena. "It's something I've always wanted to do," said Olwine, who is lefthanded. . . . One sign that Tommy Greene is about to become a major league pitcher is that Greene, 20, is represented by the Hendricks brothers of Houston. Among the Hendrickses' clients are Houston's Mike Scott and Boston's Roger Clemens, who have won three of the last four Cy Young awards. Greene could be with the Braves as soon as the All-Star break next season.

## PADRES



Tony Gwynn used a Rawlings Gold Glove news conference to make public his desire to play out his baseball career in San Diego. Gwynn, who won his second straight Gold Glove to go with a major league-leading .370 batting average in 1987, said he and his agent, John Boggs, met briefly with Padres President Chub Feeney to express a desire for a contract extension. Gwynn is in the middle of a five-year deal that will pay him \$800,000 in 1988, \$900,000 in 1989 and about \$1 million in the option year, 1990. He said he is not seeking to renegotiate his current contract, only to lengthen it. He added that he came away from the

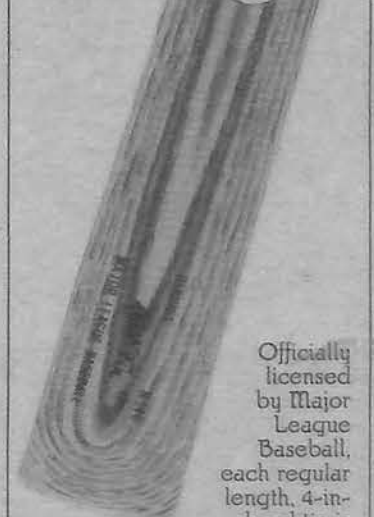
initial meeting with Feeney thinking "maybe something can be worked out. He treated me fairly." Feeney, who generally does not favor long-term contracts, said he was considering the idea but had made no commitment. Gwynn said General Manager Jack McKeon told Boggs at the end of the season that he thought the All-Star right fielder deserved an extension, but it is team policy not to give a contract for more than three years.

Gwynn said he was prepared to take his case to Owner Joan Kroc, but was advised by McKeon to go through Feeney. Although he filed for personal bankruptcy during the season and earns much less than most players of comparable skill, Gwynn said money was not the motivation for his action. "I like it here," said Gwynn, who grew up near Los Angeles and attended San Diego State University. "My family likes it here. If it's dollars I have to give up, I'm more than willing to do so."

Gwynn said he believed Chicago's Andre Dawson deserved the National League Most Valuable Player award, but that his own eighth-place finish was "a slap in the face. I should have finished in the top five." . . . John Kruk, who originally intended to work out on his own this winter in San Diego, became stir crazy and, with McKeon's permission, returned to Mexicali to play winter ball for the fifth consecutive season. Kruk was planning to concentrate on improving his defensive play at first base.

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## BASEBALL

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## TIGERS



Although Mike Heath filed for free agency, he knew he didn't want to leave the Detroit Tigers. So when General Manager Bill Lajoie came up with a one-year offer to his liking, the 32-year-old catcher jumped at it, even though it included a substantial pay cut from his \$650,000 salary in 1987. "I'm very happy," said Heath. "The Tigers hit the nail on the head with their first offer. Nobody else called us, but we did not spend much time looking. I wanted to come back because I believe in the camaraderie of this club." Heath hit .281 in 1987 with eight homers and 33 runs batted in while sharing the catching duties with rookie Matt Nokes. Heath didn't just catch, however. He appeared at every position except pitcher at least one time in '87.

Lajoie said he was hopeful of signing free-agent pitcher Jack Morris, but agent Dick Moss reported that there was no progress in the negotiations. The Tigers were offering Morris a two-year contract worth \$3.9 million, but he was asking for at least a three-year pact. This is the second consecutive winter of free agency for Morris, who had yet to receive an offer from any club other than the Tigers. "It's too early to tell what's going to happen this time," said Moss, "but I find it all highly peculiar that there've been no offers." ... Willie Hernandez has been rumored as a trade candidate, but one deal the Tigers are not going to make is with the Chicago Cubs. The lefthanded reliever reportedly was headed to Chicago for Keith Moreland, but Lajoie said, "I consider that a dead issue."

## YANKEES



The off-season customarily is neither quiet nor uneventful for the New York Yankees, and this one is proving to be no different. In the course of three days in early December, it was revealed that: (1) Don Mattingly would sign a long-term contract, assuring his stay as a Yankee at least one year beyond his initial eligibility for free agency. (2) Outfielder Dave Winfield was being sued for divorce by a girlfriend who secretly bore him a daughter five years ago. Sandra Renfro, 33, was claiming to be Winfield's common-law wife and was, in fact, living with their daughter in a condominium which Winfield owns in Houston. (3) Ron Guidry, the one-time lefthanded ace of the pitching staff, was to undergo surgery for a slight tear in his rotator cuff.

Mattingly, who had hinted openly last summer that he was likely to leave the Yankees as soon as possible because of his repeated clashes with George Steinbrenner, took a 180-degree turn after his first congenial contract talks with the Yankees' owner. By agreeing to a reported three-year, \$6.7 million deal, the first baseman would become the Yankees' first \$2 million-per-year player. "I think this is fair," said Mattingly, who won a

## Idle Indian Thornton Retires

CLEVELAND—Following a season of relative inactivity on the field and turmoil with the front office, Cleveland Indians designated hitter Andre Thornton retired as an active player.

"I feel mistakes were made," Thornton said at a news conference November 30. "I believe I could have helped the club weather some storms last season."

Indians Vice-President of Baseball Operations Joe Klein decided early in the 1987 season that Thornton, 38, no longer should be a regular. Consequently, Thornton played in just 36 games and batted only 85 times. He hit .118 with no homers and five runs batted in.

"Other people were better," said Klein. "For once, the team had depth, and he was part of the depth. You expect your depth to play, but sometimes it doesn't work out that way."

Twice during the season, Thornton met with Senior Vice-President Dan O'Brien about retiring. Thornton was led to believe a front-office position was imminent. O'Brien denied it.

Although no commitments have been made, Hank Peters, the Indians' new president, will consider Thornton for a position as a budding executive. Peters also said the final season of Thornton's four-year, \$4.4 million contract would be honored.

Thornton has no desire to be a coach or manager. His goal is to learn how to operate a franchise.

"If I didn't eventually want to be the guy who pushes the buttons, why get into it at all?" he said. "That's the exciting challenge, the same way that playing was an exciting challenge. And who better to learn from than Hank Peters, who is considered to be one of the best executives in the game."

\$1.975 million salary in arbitration last winter. "It makes me and my family happy. I feel more like a Yankee than ever before because they're reaching out to me. I'm sure George will expect more from me. I'm realistic enough to know things won't always be rosy. I've disagreed with him sometimes, but what it comes down to is we both want to win and we both want me to be in New York."

Winfield was confronted with a potentially costly lawsuit filed by Renfro, a flight attendant who also has an eight-year-old son from a previous marriage. "I can't think of another word, but, um, extortion or blackmail," said Winfield. "She's cooking up the idea of marriage and we never have been, not even by common law. I've always supported my daughter and always will. Not just financially... I support her morally, too." Winfield reportedly has been secretly paying \$1,400 a month to Renfro for support of their daughter, who was born in Houston on September 29, 1982. Renfro's attorney, Earle Lilly, said Winfield signed a stipulation of paternity a year ago after he and the child underwent blood tests.

Meanwhile, Guidry's shoulder surgery development cast a cloud over the Yankees' starting pitching. Guidry was examined by Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., the day before Thanksgiving. Although a slight tear in Guidry's rotator cuff was discovered, Andrews assured the Yankees that it was not a career-threatening injury and could be corrected with arthroscopic surgery. However, Guidry is 37 and is coming off two straight subpar seasons in which he was 14-20 overall.

## BREWERS



Outfielder Robin Yount, who batted .312 and drove in 103 runs in 1987, was named the Milwaukee Brewers' most valuable player for the second time in his career. Yount, who previously won the award in 1982, when he was the American League's MVP, will be honored at

the Brewers' Diamond Dinner January 24. Teddy Higuera, who had an 18-10 record, was named the team's most valuable pitcher for the third straight year. Other award winners were: Paul Molitor, who won the Harvey Kuenn Award for hitting excellence by leading the Brewers with a .353 average; Rob Deer, (home run award); B.J. Surhoff (rookie of the year); Dale Sveum (unsung hero); Dan Plesac (good guy award for community service); Bill Castro (distinguished alumnus), and Greg Vaughn, (minor league player of the year). Vaughn led the Midwest League with 33 home runs and batted .305 with 105 RBIs for Beloit.

Talks with Molitor, who filed for free agency, were moving slowly. The Brewers made a proposal to Ron Simon, Molitor's agent, during the World Series. Simon made a counterproposal a week before the deadline for offering binding arbitration. ... The Brewers and Milwaukee County have joined forces to raise money for child abuse prevention. "We have an obvious social problem where prevention is far better than waiting for something to happen," said Brewers President Bud Selig.

## RED SOX



The Boston Red Sox hoped to return from the winter meetings with someone who could shore up their bullpen, which produced only 16 saves (Wes Gardner and Calvin Schiraldi had a 10-6 split) in 1987. If there was a top-notch reliever available, the Red Sox wouldn't have much to give in return. Most teams want either Mike Greenwell or Ellis Burks, but both young outfielders are untouchable. The Red Sox probably would be willing to part with catcher Rich Gedman, shortstop Spike Owen or even outfielder Todd Benzinger if the right deal came up. ... Team physician Arthur Pappas reported that righthander Dennis (Oil Can) Boyd, who missed most of the season and underwent arthroscopic surgery on his shoulder, was progressing fine

in his rehabilitation and was expected to be ready for the start of spring training. Boyd will report to Winter Haven, Fla., along with the other pitchers and catchers February 18. The full squad will assemble February 24.

Outfielder Jim Rice, who underwent arthroscopic surgery on both knees, has been running several times a week at Fenway Park. ... Pitcher Bob Stanley, who missed the final three weeks of the season with tendinitis in his arm, is working out daily, lifting weights, and has lost almost 10 pounds. He's hoping to rebound from a 4-15 record. ... Manager John McNamara received an early Christmas gift when he learned that his son, Marine 1st Lt. Michael McNamara, was on his way home from the Persian Gulf, where he had served aboard a warship for several weeks.

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## ORIOLES



Righthander John Hoover, who largely has been a disappointment since he was the Baltimore Orioles' No. 1 draft choice in 1984, was added to the club's major league roster. Hoover joined the Orioles' organization late in 1984 after completing a grueling schedule as the U.S. Olympic team's top pitcher. It was thought that Hoover brought a tired arm with him, restricting his progress. He finally started to show potential this year. After a slow start, he finished with a 9-8 record and a 4.56 earned-run average at Charlotte (Southern). ... Also promoted to the Orioles' winter roster were third baseman Craig Worthington and outfielder Sherwin Cijntje. Before missing the final month of the 1987 season because of a pulled hamstring, Worthington batted .258 with seven homers and 50 runs batted in for Rochester (International). Cijntje, who is attempting to become the first native of Curacao, Netherland Antilles, to play in the majors, batted a combined .301 at Charlotte and Rochester.

Grover (Deacon) Jones, a veteran of 11 years as a batting coach at

the major league level, has been appointed as a roving hitting and baserunning instructor in the Orioles' minor league system. Jones, 53, had been the batting coach with the Padres for the last four years and served in a similar capacity for the Astros from 1976-1982. He was a scout for the Yankees in the year between those assignments.

## INDIANS



Bobby Bonds, the Cleveland Indians' batting coach for the last four years, was fired by the American League team and replaced by Charlie Manuel. "You're always disappointed when something like this happens," Bonds said from his home in Oakland. "But you're hired to be fired. I'll start all over, hopefully. I want to stay in baseball. I'm planning to call some clubs." Bonds is the only player in major league history to hit at least 30 homers and steal 30 or more bases in a season more than twice. He accomplished that feat five times. ... Former Baltimore Orioles pitching coach Mark Wiley was named to a similar post with the Indians and Tom Spencer was hired as first-base coach. The only coaches retained from 1987 were John Goryl and Luis Isaac. ... The Indians offered free-agent catcher Chris Bando a one-year contract.

## BLUE JAYS



The Toronto Blue Jays' three lefthanders—Jimmy Key, John Cerutti and Jeff Musselman—are working on an off-season maintenance program for their arms prescribed by Dr. Arthur Pappas, the team physician of the Boston Red Sox. "It involves the use of light weights," said Musselman, a rookie who made 68 relief appearances in 1987 and pitched a total of 89 innings. "It's similar to what you do all season long. The idea is to build up your arm to maintain its strength over the entire season, so you retain your velocity." Musselman said the weights are so light (up to three pounds), he was able to take them with him on a recent trip to San Diego. He works out with them 20 to 25 minutes three times a day. Key, a 17-game winner who led the American League with a 2.76 earned-run average, pitched 261 innings—almost 30 more than in 1986—and was bothered by his shoulder at the end of the season.

American League MVP George Bell easily won the Jays' player of the year honor, receiving 22 of 23 first-place votes cast by Toronto baseball writers. Shortstop Tony Fernandez got the other vote. Key was named pitcher of the year and Musselman, who was 12-5 with three saves and a 4.15 ERA, was named rookie of the year. Outfielder Lloyd Moseby, who had career highs in home runs (26) and RBIs (96), was selected the most improved player and Garth Iorg, who has opted for free agency, became the first two-time winner of the good guy award. ... After getting the results of a postseason examination of pitcher Dave Stieb's elbow, agent Bob Lamonte said, "There are no signs of deterioration whatsoever."



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## WHITE SOX



General Manager Larry Himes said the acquisition of slug-ging outfielder Dan Pasqua represented a "new era of young, energetic players" for the Chicago White Sox. Himes told Pasqua, "I'm not talking about one year for you here, but 10. I want you to be in on this from the very beginning. We're going to have fun." Pasqua, 26, hit 42 home runs in 275 games for New York over three years before being traded to the Sox for pitcher Richard Dotson. He said that playing for the Yankees last season was not fun. "If you got into a little slump, you didn't play," Pasqua said. "I had three batting coaches last year—Bobby Murcer, Jay Ward and Lou (Manager Lou Piniella) himself. Why can't they just let you hit the way that got you here, the natural way?" ... Himes said he thought Dotson would "accept the challenge" of playing in New York under the scrutiny of Yankees Owner George Steinbrenner. "It takes courage and makeup to play there, and Richard has those qualities," Himes said. "He'll put on that uniform and go out there knowing players like Rickey Henderson and Don Mattingly are behind him."

The White Sox sent catchers Ron Hassey and Bill Lindsey outright to Vancouver (Pacific Coast), shortly before Hassey was acquired by the Oakland A's in one of the first deals completed at the winter meetings in Dallas. Hassey had declined an offer to go to spring training with the White Sox as a non-roster player. ... Ken Berry was added to the minor league coaching staff as an instructor in baserunning and outfield play. ... Eli Grba was hired to be the new pitching coach for the Vancouver club.

## ATHLETICS



The Oakland Athletics' list of untouchables, those players the club is unwilling to part with, has a new look. Jose Rijo is off the list. The 22-year-old right-hander from the Dominican Republic spent most of last season riding the shuttle between Oakland and Tacoma (Pacific Coast). He was 2-7 with a 5.90 ERA for the A's. "We have to make a place for him this season, or make room for him somewhere else," said Sandy Alderson, the A's vice-president of baseball operations. In the 21 games in which Rijo appeared last season, the A's had a composite record of 3-18. They were 3-11 in games that Rijo started. Manager Tony LaRussa, rarely critical of his players, publicly blasted Rijo on a number of occasions. The A's have tried to be patient with Rijo, but their coaching doesn't seem to have sunk in. "When you talk to him he has an idea," LaRussa said during the season. "Now that he has an idea, he has to go out and execute. It's just a matter of him getting experience." Rijo would come unglued at the slightest mishap behind him, and he was often singled out for poor pitch selection. ... Without Rijo, there were four

## Tartabull: 'It's My Time'

KANSAS CITY—Danny Tartabull, who terrorized American League pitchers with his bat last season, now is taking on the Kansas City Royals' front office.

"I don't want to be the best bargain in the game anymore," said Tartabull, recipient of the Royals' Player of the Year award. "I really hope people open their eyes to that. When the team needed me the most, I was there. I hit in the clutch, consistently in the clutch."

"I'm not asking to be paid millions of dollars, but the good players have to be paid."

Tartabull, who earned \$145,000 in his second season in the majors, led the Royals with 34 homers and 101 RBIs. The only average higher than Tartabull's .309 mark was the .323 by Kevin Seitzer. But Tartabull's forte was hitting in the clutch. He led the majors with 21 game-winning RBIs.

In the last 35 games of the season, Tartabull hit .377 with 12 homers and 32 RBIs.

Tartabull hit 25 homers as a Seattle rookie in 1986, then was obtained by the Royals at the winter meetings in a trade in which the Mariners got pitchers Scott Bankhead and Steve Shields and outfielder Mike Kingery.

"The Royals made the steal of the century in that trade, giving up people that didn't fit in their

plans and getting one of the best young talents in baseball," said Dennis Gilbert, Tartabull's agent. "Now that Danny has performed, and the Royals being an organization of integrity, they probably would want to remunerate Danny with the kind of money other stars in the game are making."

Tartabull said: "If they don't, they're going to make me very bitter. I don't want to be bitter, because I was very bitter at the start of this season and it wasn't a good feeling. But if they do make me bitter, I'll be out to get every last penny from them next year when I'm eligible for arbitration. And if that happens, they'll be in trouble. Big trouble."

"I don't want to go out there trying to have a good year just so I can stick it to them, but I've always risen to revenge."

Tartabull said a fair price would be something in the neighborhood of Bo Jackson's contract—worth \$533,000 if Bo plays the entire 1988 season.

"To have me go out there and perform in clutch situations, and have Bo sit on the bench when the team needs to win, the monetary difference isn't fair," Tartabull said. "No one cared about me. Now, I think it's time for me to come to the light. It's my time."

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untouchables—Jose Canseco, Mark McGwire, Terry Steinbach and Eric Plunk.

Don't expect both Tony Phillips and Tony Bernazard to be on hand when the A's open spring training. One of the second base candidates is sure to be traded or released, and some insiders say Mike Gallego has a real shot at the starting job in 1988. ... A's representatives were dominating the Dominican winter league batting leaders list through mid-November. Outfielder Alex Sanchez, re-signed to a Tacoma contract, was leading the league with a .439 batting average. Outfielder Stan Javier was second at .426 and topped the league with 13 stolen bases. Also in the top 15 were Luis Polonia (.379), Felix Jose (.315) and Ed Jurak (.306). ... Free-agent center fielder Dwayne Murphy said he would like to remain with the A's. Injuries limited him to 180 games over the last two seasons.

## TWINS



The Minnesota Twins have given notice that they will terminate their current lease with the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission that gives the team the right to break the lease if they lose money over a three-year period. The Twins said they had lost \$22,786,067 in the three years of Carl Pohlad's ownership. The Twins did not divulge the details, but it was believed that as much as two-thirds of the deficit was paper losses involving depreciation of players. Jim McHenry, the Twins' vice-president for finance, said the club lost an unpe-

cified amount in 1987, despite winning the World Series and attracting a franchise record attendance of 2.08 million. ... The Twins' intention in breaking the lease is to obtain more favorable terms in a new agreement with the stadium commission. The irony is that Jerry Bell, now president of the Twins, was executive director of the stadium commission when the lease was negotiated.

General Manager Andy MacPhail's primary function at the winter meetings in Dallas was to meet with agent Jim Bronner and attempt to work out a contract with free-agent third baseman Gary Gaetti. Bronner said a half-dozen clubs had expressed an interest in Gaetti. The Twins are No. 1 on his list, Gaetti said, but he is willing to play for California, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Toronto, Detroit or the Chicago Cubs if he can't make a deal with Minnesota. ... Gaetti and center fielder Kirby Puckett each won a Gold Glove for the second consecutive year. Puckett's award brought a \$25,000 bonus. ... The Twins signed righthanded reliever T.R. Bryden as a minor league free agent. Bryden, who pitched for the Angels in 1986, was 9-1 with a 6.35 ERA and two saves for Edmonton (Pacific Coast) last season.

## ANGELS



Even with the signing of free-agent outfielder Chili Davis, the California Angels did not back down on their plan to convert Johnny Ray to a left fielder, thus making room for Mark McLemore at second base. "If the season were to start today, I'd have to pencil in McLemore," said General Manager Mike Port. With a month to go in his rookie year of 1987, McLemore

was forced to the bench when the Angels acquired Ray from Pittsburgh. Ray batted .346 with the Angels but was inferior defensively and the club went 8-22 in his starts. They were 66-64 with McLemore as the second baseman. ... With Davis signed, Port was able to concentrate on acquiring pitching help at the winter meetings in Dallas. "Like 88,000 others, we'll try to find the right kind of pitching help," said Port, who expected infielders Dick Schofield, Gus Polidor and Chico Walker, the former Chicago Cubs outfielder, to be the most sought-after Angels. "I don't want to sound like the 1927 Yankees, but we don't really need too much else," added Port.

As expected, the Angels resigned reliever Greg Minton to a one-year contract. Picked up in June following his release by the Giants, Minton had a 5-4 record and 10 saves in 41 games with California. ... Reliever Bryan Harvey had six saves in 10 outings for the San Juan club in the Puerto Rican winter league. He had 15 strikeouts in 10½ innings. ... Tony Armas, property of the Angels, shared the home run lead in his native Venezuela, where he is playing winter ball for the Caracas club.

## ROYALS



Frank White, second baseman of the Kansas City Royals, reaped a bit of baseball history when he won his eighth Rawlings Gold Glove award. White equaled Bill Mazeroski's major league record of eight Gold Gloves for a second baseman. "It's everyone's dream to leave their mark on this game," said the 37-year-old White, "and this is the easiest way for me to do it. That's why this probably is the first time I really wanted to win this award. If I don't pass him (Mazeroski), it at least puts me even with him. It's something to be proud of the rest of my life. I guess the reason I'm so excited about it now is that, even at this stage of my career, I'm still considered the best at my position." ... White's performance in recent seasons has caused him to recant earlier statements that 1988 will be his last year. White says that if the Royals want him back after '88, he's listening. "When I should be on the downside of my career, and then win two straight Gold Gloves," White said, "well, it sort of scares me a little bit. I just hope my career doesn't tumble like a ton of bricks. I'm just treading water now, but good things keep happening to me. I'm sure a lot of people are confused because I've always said this ('88) will be my last year, but I'd like to play longer. I just don't want to put myself in position where the Royals drop a bombshell on me. If the Royals, and no other major league teams and Japan don't want me, I'll be financially ready to retire."

Center fielder Willie Wilson believes his omission from the Gold Glove team stems from his 1983 prison sentence for attempting to possess cocaine. Despite leading American League outfielders with a .997 fielding percentage in 1987—committing just one error in 346 chances—Wilson was bypassed in the Gold Glove voting by managers and coaches. He was sixth in the

voting on outfielders. "Ever since Fort Worth (where he served time)," Wilson said, "things haven't been the same. Since going there, I don't expect to win anything. I paid my price, I served my punishment, but it doesn't seem to matter. I'm still getting punished for it."

## RANGERS



General Manager Tom Grieve's master plan for the Texas Rangers at the winter meetings involved little strategy.

"We'd like to improve our pitching," Grieve said, "but I don't have any great ideas on how to do that." It was believed that the Rangers were willing to part with an outfielder, perhaps Bob Brower or Oddibe McDowell, but Grieve said, "We don't have the depth to just dangle someone out there and see what we're offered. It's unlikely we'll make a major trade because of a lack of depth, but we'll have all the conversations we can and see what happens." ... Veterans Larry Parrish and Charlie Hough, 10-5 men (10 years in the majors, including at least the last five with the same club), seemed to be safe from trades because of their veto power. "We're not canvassing the market to see what they'd bring," Grieve said. "No. 1, they're both key guys on our team. No. 2, they would require contract adjustments and that's difficult. But I'm not ruling anything out."

The Rangers signed two minor league free agents, lefthanded pitcher Tony Fossas and infielder Kelly Paris, to contracts with Oklahoma City (American Association). ... The spring training schedule includes 14 home games at Port Charlotte, Fla., against major league clubs and 16 road games. The Rangers will kick off Grapefruit League play March 4 at Port Charlotte against the St. Louis Cardinals. Pitchers and catchers report to camp February 20 and the full squad is to report February 23. ... Through December 1, the Rangers' Ruben Sierra had four home runs in the Puerto Rican winter league and was tied for the league lead. ... Jose Guzman returned home to Puerto Rico the first week in December and was scheduled to begin pitching for the Mayaguez club by the middle of the month.

## MARINERS



Free-agent outfielder Dave Henderson, who spent nearly five years with Seattle before being traded to the Boston

Red Sox late in the 1986 season, is interested in returning to the Mariners. "Seattle is one of the clubs we have talked to," said Doug Baldwin, Henderson's agent. "It's a little too early to get a real read on the situation, but we're going to have some more talks with the Mariners." General Manager Dick Balderson said Henderson's name "has come up, but I really don't know if anything will materialize." ... Henderson, 29, was traded by Boston to the San Francisco Giants last August 31, but not in time to be eligible for the National League playoffs. He was the Mariners' No. 1 draft pick in 1977, the club's first season on the field.



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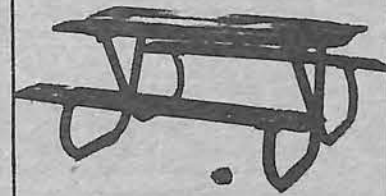
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## MVP

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intriguing matter. Is it because  
the Cubs play in the afternoon  
and their games are carried on  
cable TV via a superstation? Is it  
because nearly every Cubs home  
game is completed before the  
earliest newspaper deadline so  
the nation is guaranteed of a Cubs  
story each day?

Is Dawson's election an en-  
dorsement of Harry Caray or day  
baseball? Is there a Cubs factor?  
Ernie Banks won in 1958 and '59,  
with the Cubs finishing tied for  
fifth each year. The only other  
MVP from a losing team—Chuck  
Klein with the Phillies in 1931 and  
'32—later played for the Cubs.

Is it because Dawson is such a  
terrific person? (He is.) Is the  
1987 vote merely an aberration?  
Did the electorate believe that  
Dawson was wronged by the free-  
agent conspiracy, or was a vote  
for Dawson merely the thing to  
do?

There are no definite answers,  
only intriguing questions.

With Dawson, George Bell,  
Steve Bedrosian and Roger Cle-  
mens winning the four major 1987  
awards—the MVP and Cy Young  
awards—this is the first time in  
the 32 years of separate Cy  
Young winners that all four  
major honors have gone to play-  
ers not on championship teams.

Murphy (1982, 1983) and Cali-  
fornia's Don Baylor (1979) are the  
only players from West Division  
teams to be named MVPs in the  
last 10 years. Even when the N.L.  
award was shared in 1979, two  
East Division players shared it.

East Division players regularly  
dominate the balloting. In the last  
10 years, players from A.L. East  
team have received 67 percent of  
the points awarded. In the last  
five years, they have received 72  
percent. The figures in the N.L.  
are 61.4 percent for East Division  
players in the 10 years and 64  
percent in the last five.

## Top Vote-Getters

The following players are the leaders in MVP  
points for the periods indicated. The numbers in  
parentheses represent the number of times a play-  
er has won the award:

## NATIONAL LEAGUE 1978-87

Mike Schmidt (3), eight times receiving  
votes, total of 1,289.5 points.  
Andre Dawson (1), six times, 778 points.  
Dale Murphy (2), six times, 773.5 points.  
Dave Parker (1), four times, 740 points.  
Keith Hernandez\* (1), eight times, 702  
points.  
Gary Carter, seven times, 649 points.  
Pedro Guerrero, four times, 577 points.  
Jack Clark, five times, 572 points.  
Steve Garvey, five times, 561 points.  
Ryne Sandberg (1), two times, 540 points.  
Bruce Sutter, five times, 534 points.  
Tim Lincecum, six times, 533 points.  
Jose Cruz, five times, 522 points.  
Tony Gwynn, four times, 294 points.  
George Foster, three times, 284 points.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE 1983-87

Mike Schmidt (1), four times, 546.5  
points.  
Andre Dawson (1), two times, 482 points.  
Dale Murphy (1), four times, 467.5 points.  
Keith Hernandez, four times, 436 points.  
Pedro Guerrero, three times, 402 points.  
Dave Parker, two times, 364 points.  
Ryne Sandberg (1), two times, 340 points.  
Gary Carter, three times, 329 points.  
Tim Lincecum, five times, 318 points.  
Tony Gwynn, four times, 294 points.  
\*Hernandez shared 1979 award with Wil-  
lie Stargell. Stargell accumulated 255 points  
in the 10 years starting with 1978. Willie  
McGee was MVP in 1985 with 280 points,  
but received no points in any other season.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE 1978-87

Eddie Murray, eight times, 1,163.5 points.  
Jim Rice (1), six times, 887 points.

George Brett (1), six times, 859 points.  
Don Mattingly (1), four times, 830 points.  
Rickey Henderson, five times, 572 points.  
George Bell (1), four times, 536 points.  
Cecil Cooper, five times, 535 points.  
Dan Quisenberry, five times, 497 points.  
Don Baylor (1), four times, 438 points.  
Robin Yount (1), five times, 414 points.  
Alan Trammell, three times, 408.5 points.  
Dwight Evans, four times, 363 points.  
Reggie Jackson, four times, 362 points.  
Roger Clemens (1), two times, 346 points.  
Wade Boggs, four times, 335 points.  
Cal Ripken (1), four times, 335 points.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE 1983-87

Don Mattingly (1), four times, 830 points.  
Eddie Murray, three times, 617 points.  
George Bell (1), four times, 536 points.  
Jim Rice, three times, 401 points.  
Alan Trammell, three times, 398.5 points.  
Dan Quisenberry, three times, 381.5  
points.  
Roger Clemens (1), two times, 346 points.  
Wade Boggs, four times, 335 points.  
Cal Ripken Jr. (1), three times, 332  
points.  
Kirby Puckett, three times, 308 points.  
Willie Hernandez won the MVP Award in  
1984 with 306 points, but received no points  
in balloting for any other season. Rollie  
Fingers, the 1981 winner, totaled 331 points  
in the 10-year period.

The following players received MVP  
votes in each league over the 10-year peri-  
od, 1978-87: Dave Winfield, seven times, 526  
points; Rich Gossage, four times, 353 points;  
Rollie Fingers, three times, 347 points.

## Team MVP Points

The total MVP votes per team (with the  
number of award winners in parentheses)  
from 1978 through 1987:

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Phillies (3) 2,018.5 points; Cardinals (2\*)  
1,825.5; Expos 1,685; Dodgers 1,466; Cubs (2)  
1,165.5; Reds 1,108; Mets 1,094; Astros 921.5;  
Braves (2) 855.5; Pirates (2\*) 907; Padres  
64; Giants 423.  
\*1979 award shared by Cardinals and Pi-  
rates.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees (1) 2,513 points; Red Sox (2)  
2,437.5; Royals (1) 2,068.5; Orioles (1) 1,939;  
Brewers (2) 1,888; Tigers (1) 1,248.5; Angels  
(1) 1,145; Blue Jays (1) 952.0; Athletics 760;  
Twins 745; White Sox 404; Rangers 200; In-  
dians 114.5; Mariners 96.



## FOR THE RECORD

## OBITUARIES

**George (Punch) Imlach**, a colorful, demanding and highly successful coach and general manager of National Hockey League teams in Toronto and Buffalo between 1958 and 1981, died of heart failure December 1 at a Toronto hospital, where he had been admitted two days earlier after suffering his fourth heart attack in 15 years. He was 69.

Imlach, who coached the Maple Leafs to their only four Stanley Cup championships, three of them in succession from 1962 to '64 prior to NHL expansion, and who built the expansion Sabres franchise into Stanley Cup finalists in the mid-1970s, had been taken to Scarborough General Hospital after he was stricken at his home in Toronto on November 29.

Emergency room personnel found no pulse, but Imlach was revived and kept alive on a respirator.

A multi-talented youth in several sports while he was growing up in Toronto, Imlach never played in the NHL, but did get some on-ice experience with the Quebec Aces of the Quebec Senior League, playing four seasons and serving as coach for two of those before reluctantly hanging up his skates at the age of 31 to become the team's general manager.

He moved up to the NHL in 1958 as assistant G.M. of the Maple Leafs, and took over as coach from the fired Billy Reay a third of the way through the 1958-59 season, becoming Toronto G.M. at the same time.

Toronto's record under Imlach the rest of the way was 22-20-8, the closest Imlach would come to a los-

ing season with the Leafs over the next 10 years. With the exception of 1967-68, the first expansion season, the Leafs made the Stanley Cup playoffs every year during Punch's initial stay with the club. Toronto won its first Stanley Cup at the conclusion of the 1961-62 season and repeated the next two years. The fourth—and last—championship came in 1967. Imlach was one of just five NHL coaches to win three or more successive Stanley Cups. The others are Hap Day, Toe Blake, Scotty Bowman and Al Arbour.

Imlach drove himself and his players hard and his domineering practice and behind-the-dasher demeanor reflected his bottom-line approach to his dual roles. He had a doghouse, and it was usually occupied, although not for long by any one individual.

"If a player is not helping Toronto," he once said in defending a trade, "I move him on and I do not worry about what he does elsewhere."

Imlach developed the reputation as a tough taskmaster during practices, which were not recalled fondly by former players. "He used to sit in the middle of the ice on a chair and work us to death," said Andy Bathgate, who rose to stardom in Toronto and scored the deciding goal in the 1964 Stanley Cup finals but later fell out of favor with Imlach and was traded to Detroit. "We left most of our games on the practice rink."

But it was hard to argue with success, or with the fact that Imlach's public image was that of a jovial goodwill ambassador for hockey—which he was, particular-

ly as he laid the groundwork for expansion in Buffalo.

He enjoyed a well-earned reputation as the shrewdest of drafters and traders. The NHL stars whom he either developed or acquired for the Toronto and Buffalo clubs included Tim Horton, Johnny Bower, Allan Stanley, Red Kelly, Dick Duff, Dave Keon, Frank Mahovlich, Carl Brewer, Bathgate, Terry Sawchuk, Richard Martin, Gil Perreault and Jim Schoenfeld.

Imlach's first tenure in Toronto ended after the 1969-70 season, when he was fired. He wasn't unemployed for long. In May of 1970, he was named coach and G.M. of the fledgling Sabres. He came to be regarded as the chief architect of the franchise which, in three years, reached playoff level and, in five, advanced to the Stanley Cup finals. He had selected Perreault as the first pick in the 1970 draft, and also hit on his next two first-round selections, Martin in 1971 and Schoenfeld in '72.

Imlach suffered his first heart attack early in 1972, and was forced to give up his coaching duties with Buffalo. He was let go by the Sabres in December of 1978, and was back in Toronto as G.M. and coach the next July, succeeding Jim Gregory, the man who had succeeded him as Leafs G.M. when Punch was axed a decade earlier. But the heart problems continued. A second attack in 1980 led to bypass surgery, and the Maple Leafs terminated Punch's contract after the 1981-82 season. While vacationing with his wife in Las Vegas in 1985, Imlach was hospitalized with yet another heart attack.

Imlach, popular with the press

and fans wherever he went (NHL President John Ziegler called him "a friend of hockey" who was "a great representative for his team, and a great representative for all of hockey"), was one of the first inductees into the Buffalo hockey hall of fame in 1980. He was remembered in the city as the man who took a top draft pick (Perreault), a veteran goalie (Roger Crozier) and a double handful of castoffs no other hockey team wanted (the players available in the first expansion draft) and, through deals and development, molded a contending club far ahead of the projected schedule.

The NHL recognized his contributions as a coach and general manager by electing Imlach to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1984. Punch ranked seventh overall in number of NHL games coached (959), his clubs compiled a composite regular-season record of 423-373-163 (391-311-138 in Toronto) and had a 44-48 record in playoff games.

Among his survivors is a son, Brent, who played briefly with the Maple Leafs from 1965 to '67.

**George Earl Toolson**, a minor league righthander in the 1940s who was one of the early unsuccessful challengers to baseball's reserve clause, died of cancer November 27 in Garden Grove, Calif. He was 65.

Toolson, who pitched four seasons at Louisville around a stint in military service during World War II, suffered a back injury while with the Colonels in 1948. He was traded to the Yankees' organization, which assigned him first to

Newark, then to Binghamton.

Toolson refused to report to Binghamton, and was placed on the ineligible list. He relocated in California and filed suit against the Yankees, both major leagues, the Pacific Coast League and two of its clubs, claiming that he had been effectively barred from baseball in violation of federal antitrust laws, and asked for \$375,000 in damages.

The case was thrown out by a Los Angeles District Court judge in 1951, but Toolson's attorney appealed to the Ninth Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, and the case reached the Supreme Court, which ruled in baseball's favor in 1953 and once again upheld the reserve clause.

The clause was overturned by an arbitrator in 1974, opening the door to free agency for players.

**Jerry Wilcox**, longtime public relations director for the Los Angeles Rams, died of heart failure October 26 in Los Alamitos, Calif. He was 46, and had suffered from kidney problems.

Wilcox was assistant director of the athletic news bureau at the University of Southern California before he joined the Rams as P.R. director in 1969 following his graduation from USC. He stayed through the 1983 season, then became P.R. director for Hollywood Park, a position he held until 1986. He had been a consultant for the Rams this year.

Wilcox had lived with serious kidney problems for 10 years. He had received two kidney transplants, but had been on dialysis for the last five years.

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## TRANSACTIONS

## Baseball

**Angels**—Traded outfielder Gary Pettis to Tigers for pitcher Dan Petry; signed outfielder Chili Davis as free agent.

**A's**—Acquired pitchers Kirk McDonald, Jeff Shaver, Wally Whitehurst and Reese Lambert and infielder Lance Blankenship from Huntsville; agreed to terms with free-agent catcher Ron Hassey, who was on Vancouver roster.

**Dodgers**—Signed pitchers Tony Arnold, Stan Kyles and Chuck Hensley as free agents, assigned them to Albuquerque.

**Giants**—Signed outfielder Brett Butler as free agent.

**Mariners**—Gave catcher Jerry Narron and outfielder Jim Weaver their unconditional releases; acquired pitcher Terry Taylor from Calgary, catcher Billy McGwire and pitchers Mike Schooler and Billy Swift from Chattanooga.

**Orioles**—Signed catcher Jamie Nelson as free agent, assigned him to Rochester.

**Pirates**—Signed infielder Skeeter Barnes as free agent, assigned him to Buffalo.

**Rangers**—Signed pitcher Tony Fossas and infielder Kelly Paris as free agents, assigned them to Oklahoma City.

**Tigers**—Traded pitcher Dan Petry to Angels for outfielder Gary Pettis.

**Twins**—Signed pitcher T.R. Bryden as free agent, assigned him to Portland.

**White Sox**—Assigned catchers Ron Hassey and Bill Lindsey outright to Vancouver.

## Basketball

## NBA

**Bucks**—Placed guard Jerry Reynolds (severely sprained left ankle) on injured list; restored guard Dudley Bradley from injured list to active roster; signed guard Conner Henry as a free agent.

**Celtics**—Released guard Conner Henry; restored forward Kevin McHale from injured list to active roster.

**Kings**—Placed forward Derek Smith (knee problems) on injured list.

**Knicks**—Placed guard Trent Tucker (sprained left knee) and forward Bob Thornton (sprained right ankle) on injured list; re-

stored forward Ray Tolbert from injured list to active roster; signed guard Rick Carlisle as a free agent.

**Nets**—Placed forward Orlando Woolridge (stress fracture in right foot) on injured list; released draft choice guard Jamie Waller (3rd round); signed guard Johnny Moore as a free agent.

**Nuggets**—Released draft choice forward Andre Moore (2nd).

**Pistons**—Placed forward-center Ron Moore (contusion, right ankle) on injured list.

**Rockets**—Placed guard Andre Turner (punctured eardrum) on injured list; restored forward Jim Petersen from injured list to active roster.

**Sixers**—Released guard Steve Colter; signed guard Gerald Henderson as a free agent.

**Spurs**—Released draft choice guard Nate Blackwell (2nd); restored forward Mike Mitchell from injured list to active roster.

**Suns**—Placed swingman Eddie Johnson (strained right calf and back spasms) on injured list; restored forward Larry Nance from injured list to active roster.

## CBA

**Charleston**—Released forward Todd May and swingman Clinton Smith; traded forward Scooter McCray to Rockford for cash and a player to be designated.

**La Crosse**—Released center Russell Cross.

**Quad City**—Released forward Derrick Sanders and center Ken Bannister.

**Pensacola**—Traded swingman Dwight Moody to Charleston for a player to be designated; sold forward Oliver Lee to Quad City.

**Rapid City**—Signed guard Vince Washington; traded center Scott Thompson and the rights to guard Ennis Whatley to Mississippi for guard Kelvin Upshaw and a player to be designated.

**Rochester**—Released forward Steffond Johnson.

**Savannah**—Released center John Askew; traded guard Rod Foster to Quad City for forward Russell Pierre.

**Topeka**—Guard Jo Jo White announced his retirement; signed forward Andrew Kennedy.

**Wyoming**—Placed center Dan Federmann on roster.

## Football

**Note**—Players with an asterisk (\*) preceding their name played as replacements during the strike.

**Bills**—Awarded P Lee Johnson on waivers from Oilers; released S Garland Rivers.

**Buccaneers**—Awarded RB James Evans on waivers from Chiefs; placed OT Marvin Powell (knee) on injured reserve; released DB Vito McKeever and LB \*Pat Teague from injured reserve.

**Cardinals**—Activated TE Jay Novacek and DE David Galloway from injured reserve; placed DE Curtis Greer (back) and RB Earl Ferrell (knee) on injured reserve.

**Chargers**—Activated DE Karl Wilson from injured reserve; released LB \*Brian Ingram from injured reserve.

**Chiefs**—Activated DE Gary Baldinger from injured reserve; signed LB \*Angelo Snipes (recently released by Chargers); awarded CB \*Greg Hill on waivers from Oilers; placed DL Eric Holle (hip) on injured reserve; released OT Jim Rourke (from injured reserve) and RB James Evans.

**Colts**—Activated TE Mark Boyer from injured reserve; signed QB \*Terry Nugent (recently released from Colts reserve/retired); placed TE Tim Sherwin (wrist) and LB \*Jeff Leiding (knee) on injured reserve.

**Cowboys**—Activated S Victor Scott from reserve/non-football illness; signed OT \*Steve Cisowski (recently released by Cowboys); placed WR Gordon Banks (foot) and OT Mark Tuinei (knee) on injured reserve; released CB \*Jimmy Armstrong and RB \*E.J. Jones from injured reserve.

**Dolphins**—Signed G \*Jim Huddleston (recently released by Buccaneers); placed OT Chris Conlin (knee) on injured reserve.

**Falcons**—Signed S Brenard Wilson (recently released by Falcons); placed TE Ken Whisenant (separated shoulder) on injured reserve.

**49ers**—Activated TE Brent Jones from preseason injured reserve; placed TE Russ Francis (back) on injured reserve; released WR \*Thomas Henley from injured reserve.

**Giants**—Signed DT \*Bill Berthusen (Giants camp '87, recently released by Bengals);

placed WR Stacy Robinson (hairline leg fracture) on injured reserve.

**Jets**—Signed DB \*Sean Dykes (recently released by Jets); placed DB Kerry Glenn (hamstring) on injured reserve; released TE Glenn Dennison.

**Lions**—Placed WR Jeff Chadwick (broken hand) on injured reserve; released C \*Chuck Steele (from injured reserve) and S William Graham.

**Oilers**—Signed P Jeff Gossett (recently released by Browns) and DB \*Tony Newsom (recently released by Oilers); placed OT \*Vince Stroth (knee) on injured reserve; released P Lee Johnson.

**Packers**—Activated OL Keith Uecker from injured reserve; released NT \*Guy Teafatiller.

**Patriots**—Signed WR \*Dennis Gadbois (recently released by Patriots); placed OT Steve Moore (ankle) and C Guy Morris (broken hand) on injured reserve; released DB \*Ron Shogog and LB Steve Doig from injured reserve.

**Raiders**—Activated OT Chris Riehm from preseason injured reserve, then placed him on injured reserve (knee); activated G John Gesek from preseason injured reserve and DE Mike Wise from reserve/non-football illness; re-signed CB Rod Hill after clearing procedural waivers; signed OT \*Dwight Wheeler (Raiders camp '87, recently released by Chargers); signed and subsequently released WR \*David Williams (Chargers camp '87, recently released by Raiders); placed LB Jeff Barnes (foot) and FB Steve Smith (knee, ankle) on injured reserve; released LB \*Ronnie Washington.

**Rams**—Activated QB Hugh Millen and OL Mike Schud from preseason injured reserve; signed FB \*David Adams (Colts camp '87, recently released by Cowboys); placed RB Greg Bell (shoulder) on injured reserve; released RB \*Ronnie Gill.

**Redskins**—Activated CB Brian Davis from injured reserve; placed DB Clarence Vaughn on injured reserve.

**Saints**—Released WR Herbert Harris from injured reserve, then re-signed him after clearing procedural waivers.

**Seahawks**—Activated NT Roland Barbay (preseason), LB Bruce Scholtz and S Mark Moore from injured reserve; placed NT

Randy Edwards (back) and QB \*Bruce Mathison on injured reserve.

**Steelers**—Released DB Don Herron from injured reserve.

**Vikings**—Signed LB \*Peter Najarian (recently released by Vikings); released OL \*Michael Durrette.

## Hockey

**Black Hawks**—Recalled left wing David Mackey from Saginaw.

**Bruins**—Recalled goaltender Bill Ranford and left wing John Carter from Maine.

**Canucks**—Recalled defenseman Ian Kidd from Fredericton.

**Capitals**—Recalled goaltender Alain Raymond and defenseman Bill Houlder from Binghamton.

**Devils**—Assigned defenseman Gordie Mark to Utica.

**Flyers**—Traded defenseman Mike Stothers, who was playing at Hershey, to Maple Leafs for future considerations; assigned goaltender Wendell Young, center Don Nachbaur and right wing Brian Dobbin to Hershey and recalled goaltender Mark Laforest from same club.

**Jets**—Assigned left wing Joel Baillargeon to Moncton.

**Kings**—Recalled goaltender Bob Janecyk from New Haven.

**Maple Leafs**—Recalled right wing Mike Blaisdell from Newmarket.

**Nordiques**—Assigned goaltender Richard Sevigny and center Jason Lafreniere to Fredericton.

**North Stars**—Assigned center Dave Gagner and right wing Mitch Messier to Kalamazoo.

**Oilers**—Assigned defenseman Jim Wiemer and right wing Tom McMurchy to Nova Scotia and recalled left wing Kelly Buchberger from same club.

**Penguins**—Assigned goaltender Steve Guenette to Muskegon and recalled defenseman Dave Goertz from same club.

**Rangers**—Recalled defenseman Dave Pichette from New Haven and center Steve Nemeth from Colorado.

**Sabres**—Recalled defenseman Shawn Anderson from Rochester.



## OBITUARIES

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He was honored in 1986 by the Orange County Sports Hall of Fame with the Woody Dietch Award, given to a person who has demonstrated great courage.

George S. Ferrell, who spent 50 years in professional baseball as a player, manager and scout, and who was the brother of two men who had distinguished major league careers, died October 6 at his home in Greensboro, N.C. He was 83.

An outfielder and first baseman, Ferrell played in the minor leagues for 20 seasons (1926-45) without ever advancing to the majors, although he had a career batting average of .321 in 2,472 games played at such places like Memphis, Richmond, Reading, Lynchburg and Buffalo.

Much of the latter half of his playing career was spent as a player-manager and he enjoyed considerable success in the dual role, especially with Richmond.

He later managed exclusively, then turned to scouting for the St. Louis Cardinals (1952-57) and the Detroit Tigers (1958-75).

Ferrell was the brother of Hall of Famer Rick Ferrell, a major league catcher for 18 seasons and currently a vice-president for the Tigers, and the late Wes Ferrell, who won 193 games in the majors and still holds the record for most home runs by a pitcher in a career (36).

A fourth brother, the late Marvin Ferrell, was a pitcher in the minor leagues. There were three other brothers in the family, only one of whom survives.

Wes and Rick Ferrell once were batterymates with the Boston Red Sox and Washington Senators.

## EWING/SAMPSON

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rookie by the name of Rodney McCray. Both of those things made his job a whole lot easier."

Wayne Embry, general manager of the Cleveland Cavaliers, agrees. In 1986, he tempered his team's selection of Brad Daugherty with the top overall choice, which allowed the seven-footer from North Carolina to develop without being burdened by the pressures that haunted Sampson and Ewing as rookies.

"There's no way they could have been as good as people wanted," Embry said. "It was to the point that they were expected to be Supermen, when that just wasn't going to happen. It just doesn't happen that way anymore."

If Superman was on the payroll, he wouldn't be paid any better than Sampson and Ewing. Just prior to this season, Sampson signed a seven-year, \$15 million contract. Ewing, the league's highest-paid player with a salary of nearly \$3 million this season, is in the third year of a pact that will pay him more than \$30 million before 1995. But such success at the bank hasn't translated into similar dividends on the court.

Sampson, in fact, is no longer even a center. As a power forward, he essentially has been demoted to an often criticized sideshow for the emergence of Olajuwon as the league's most dominating center. It was Olajuwon who was credited for carrying the Rockets to the finals in 1986, although it was Sampson's last-second desperation fadeaway shot that allowed Houston to upset the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers in the Western Conference finals. And although Sampson has been selected to the All-Star team in each of his four previous seasons, it is Olajuwon

who generally is considered the Rockets' ticket to the title.

Indeed, in the team's overall scheme, Sampson—largely remembered for his fisticuffs with Jerry Sichting, the Boston Celtics' 6-2 guard, during the championship series and his disappearance during last season's conference semifinals, in which the Rockets were eliminated by upstart Seattle—realistically might be viewed as little more than a necessary bystander.

It's a role that Sampson resigned himself to when, after becoming a free agent at the end of last season, he signed with the Rockets rather than with a team for which he could have played center.

"I thought about it," he said of changing addresses. "It might have been fun, being the last line of defense when the ball is coming through, then getting the ball in the post and kicking it out to a wide-open shooter. But I guess I'll have to establish myself as a forward."

Sampson was averaging a reputable 17 points per game through November. But his 8.6 rebounds per game left him well behind the standard-bearers in the trenches—New Jersey's Buck Williams, Philadelphia's Charles Barkley, Chicago's Charles Oakley and the Lakers' A.C. Green—and trailed even such forwards as Milwaukee's Jack Sikma, Detroit's Rick Mahorn, the Clippers' Michael Cage and Atlanta's Kevin Willis.

Ewing's third season in New York is shaping up as his best statistically, but the almost euphoric "we've been saved" reaction to his

arrival throughout the city has transformed into a yawn—especially since Rick Pitino, just a few defeats into his first season as an NBA head coach, all but admitted that this season would be nothing to brag about.

The Knicks are proving to be the classic example of how one quality player, even two, no longer ensures respectability. Ewing is thriving under Pitino's philosophy of constant pressure defense. Playing substantially fewer minutes than in his first two seasons, through November he was nearly matching his previous pace in scoring (20.3 points per game) and rebounds (8.5 per game) while becoming much more of a defensive demon, swatting away an average of 3.4 shots per game, well ahead of his 2.2 career average.

But even more evident is Ewing's emergence as a floor leader. Buoyed by the emergence of Mark Jackson, the Knicks' first-round draft choice, Ewing has become more adept at imposing his will upon the tone of a game. On November 21 against Golden State, Ewing, ignited by a second-half staredown with the Warriors' Dave Feitl, dominated the late minutes of the victory both in the pivot and in huddles during timeouts, imploring his teammates as he never would have previously.

"He has some leadership qualities," Bianchi said. "He seems much happier, and that's all a part of it for him. He's come in here this year and just by example of his energy level, his smile and the fact

that he wants to win so badly, has done a lot for this team. Because he makes a lot of money, he could have gotten into a comfort zone, but that's not the case with him."

Ewing credits his play this season to his health, Jackson and the Knicks' new game plan.

"The running style of play is more beneficial to me," he said. "I'm a better runner than most centers, so it's easier for me to play when I can beat someone up the floor, rather than pushing and shoving with someone 7-1 or 7-4 and 240 pounds."

There are other signs that Ewing is perhaps better prepared to fulfill his expectations. Never one to reveal his emotions during his first two seasons, Ewing recently snapped at a questioner in Boston who asked him if he feared earning a reputation as a loser.

"I am not a loser," Ewing said. "I came into this season feeling that we were going to win more games than we did last year and make the playoffs. I still feel that way. We've just got to keep growing."

The chance for Sampson to prove that he can live up to his expectations is unlikely to occur while he exists in Olajuwon's shadow. Even if the Rockets win a title, Sampson knows that the spotlight is likely to shine upon his teammate rather than him.

But for Ewing, with the help of management and perhaps another luck-of-the-lottery draft choice, the opportunity remains that someday perhaps the wait will end.

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## NAMES & GAMES

### Rara Avis: \$1 Million Eagle

For all practical purposes, lightning struck the game of golf twice in the span of one week.

Seven days after Lee Trevino's hole in one on the 17th hole in the Skins Game earned him \$175,000, Ian Woosnam of Wales captured the winner-take-all Million Dollar Challenge at Sun City, South Africa, by holing his approach shot on the 17th hole in the final round from 165 yards for an eagle two.

"I hit the ball straight at the flag and knew it was going to be good," said Woosnam, who earned \$1 million. "I couldn't see the bottom of the flag. Only the wild reaction of the crowd told

me the ball had gone in."

Woosnam's eagle highlighted a four-under-par 68 that gave him a 72-hole total of 274 and a four-stroke victory over British Open champion Nick Faldo of England. Woosnam said the winner-take-all format had him going for broke in the final round.

"I was thinking about it all the way around," he said.

South Africa's David Frost was third at 280. Curtis Strange, who set a Professional Golfers' Association Tour earnings record this year, was tied for fourth at 283 with Spain's Jose-Maria Olazabal and South Africa's Fulton Allem.



Ian Woosnam

### Milestones on the PGA Tour

Tom Watson has 16 Professional Golfers' Association Tour victories in this decade, more than any other player. Curtis Strange and Calvin Peete are tied for second with 11 triumphs.

So it shouldn't be a surprise that each established milestones on the PGA Tour in 1987, but so did Mike McGee and Dewey Arnette, to name a couple of play-for-pay golfers who are hardly household names.

Watson earned \$616,351 to extend his record for consecutive \$200,000 seasons to 11.

Strange earned a record \$925,941 and posted a record increase of \$688,241 in earnings over the previous year. Strange's \$688,241 improvement, in fact, was more than anyone ever earned in a year before. Strange also reached \$3 million in earnings faster than anyone in history—10 years and nine months.

Peete led the tour in driving accuracy for the seventh straight year, one of only two players to repeat as a statistical leader. The other was Paul Azinger, who led the tour in sand saves for the second consecutive year.

Meanwhile, McGee and Arnette each tied a PGA Tour record. McGee required only 18 putts



Tom Watson

in the opening round of the Federal Express St. Jude Classic, tying the record of fewest putts in a single round set by Sam Trahan in 1978. Arnette made eight consecutive birdies at the Buick Open, tying the PGA Tour record held by former Masters champions Fuzzy Zoeller and Bob Goalby. It should be noted that Chi Chi Rodriguez also made eight straight birdies this year on the PGA Senior Tour.

Other highlights and oddities

on the 1987 PGA Tour:

■ Keith Clearwater became the first rookie to win two tournaments since Jerry Pate in 1976.

■ Tom Kite extended the longest current string of victorious years to seven, 10 short of the record held by Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus.

■ Phil Blackmar set a record for eagles with 20, breaking the standard of 16 set by Dave Eichelberger in 1980 and tied by Joey Sindelar in 1986.

■ Dr. Gil Morgan hit 73.3 percent of greens in regulation, breaking the record of 73.1 percent set by Peete in 1981.

■ Mike Reid, the first player in history ever to earn \$1 million without winning a tournament, finally stepped into the winner's circle this year. But Chip Beck and Bobby Wadkins both reached \$1 million in career earnings in 1987 without benefit of a victory.

■ Prior to 1983, only the top 60 in earnings were exempt from all qualifying. If that system was still in use, it would have required earnings of \$173,047 in 1987 to be exempt in 1988. That's the total Buddy Gardner bankrolled this year in finishing 60th. That \$173,047 total, it might be added, would have ranked No. 1 in PGA Tour earnings in all but two years (Nicklaus earned \$188,998.08 in 1967 and Billy Casper \$205,168.67 in 1968) before 1971.

### Kiwis' Challenge Is Accepted

After a New York Supreme Court justice upheld the contention of New Zealand's Michael Fay that the Deed of Gift gave him the right to challenge the San Diego Yacht Club for the America's Cup in 90-foot yachts, rather than conventional 12-meter yachts, San Diego reluctantly agreed to take the world's most prestigious yacht race "back to the 19th century."

Thomas Ehman, vice-president of Sail America, the syndicate that represents the San Diego Yacht Club, said San Diego still planned to play host to the America's Cup in 1991—provided the Cup isn't taken by New Zealand.

"It may not be America at its most skilled, and it won't include the rest of the world—unfortunately," Ehman said. "San Diego will not consent to another challenge under the strict interpretation of the Deed of Gift."

"We find ourselves being dragged back to the 19th century. (Fay) announces what his weapon is, and we don't have to an-

nounce ours until the day of the first race."

Ehman said the best-of-three series with the Kiwis would be held in the United States, with the site to be determined within 90 days of the 1988 race. Fay, however, said he will block any attempt to move the 1988 America's Cup to Hawaii or any location other than San Diego.

"The venue is subject to mutual consent. The venue is San Diego unless the challenger agrees otherwise," said Fay, whose 90-foot yacht is reportedly ideal for San Diego's light winds.

Fay also disagreed with Ehman's assessment that a United States-New Zealand battle—rather than the multi-nation extravaganza to which Australia played host last winter—is dragging the America's Cup back to the 19th century.

"This is not dragging the America's Cup backward," he said. "It is dragging it into the 21st century and possibly one of the most exciting eras in America's Cup history."

### Clemson Wears NCAA Crown

Goals by Paul Rutenis and Richie Richmond lifted Clemson to a 2-0 victory over visiting San Diego State and a most improbable NCAA soccer championship.

"I dreamed early in the season about winning the national championship, but quite honestly I did not think we could win," said Clemson Coach Ibrahim Ibrahim. "Who would have thought that the 23rd seed (Clemson) and the 24th seed (San Jose State) in the NCAA Tournament would play for the national championship?"

Clemson (18-5-1) posted only a 1-5-1 record in the Atlantic Coast Conference before rolling to the NCAA crown by handing San Diego State (20-6) its first shutout in 47 games.

"Who would have thought that the fifth-place team from the ACC

would win the national championship?" Ibrahim asked. "But our team believed all the time."

Clemson, which also won the NCAA title in 1984, reached the final with a 4-1 win over North Carolina. The Aztecs beat Harvard, 2-1, in the other semifinal.

"It's like a dream to start and end my college career with national championships," said Rutenis, one of the Tigers' four senior starters.

Clemson's attack wasn't as potent in the final, but a school-record crowd of 8,322 saw a spirited defense shut down the Aztecs, who fired only six shots at goalkeeper Tim Genovese.

"They were down our throats," said Aztecs forward Kyle Whittemore. "They beat us to every ball. They came out hard and fast."

### BOWLING

Tom Crites of Tampa, beat Marshall Holman, 221-205, to make the \$135,000 Professional Bowlers Association Budweiser Touring Players Championship at Detroit his second tournament victory of the year. Ron Palombi Jr. opened the finals by beating David Ozio, 220-185, then lost to Wayne Webb, 229-217. Crites then eliminated Webb, 205-166, to reach the title match.

### BOXING

Evander Holyfield (17-0) of Atlanta scored a fourth-round knockout of Dwight Muhammad Qawi (28-5-1) of Camden, N.J., at Atlantic City, N.J., to retain his World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation cruiserweight championships.

Bashiru Ali of Nigeria knocked out Australia's Kevin Wagstaff in the first round at Ibadan, Nigeria, to retain his World Boxing Council junior-cruiserweight crown.

Park Chong-pal (45-3) of the Republic of Korea survived a first-round knockdown before stopping Jesus Gallardo (19-2) of Mexico in the second round at Seoul to gain the WBA super-middleweight crown.

New York's Mark Breland (19-1), in his first bout since losing the WBA welterweight title, jabbed his way to a unanimous 10-round decision over Javier Suazo (18-4-1) of Tucson at Atlantic City.

### GOLF

Australian Jane Crafter chipped in from 35 feet for a birdie on the 17th hole to break a three-way tie for the lead as she and partner

### NASCAR Plans Drug Testing

NASCAR President Bill France Jr. says the world's premier stock-car racing circuit will administer drug tests to its drivers beginning with the Daytona 500, which is scheduled February 14.

"We don't have all the details worked out, but we are planning

to institute drug testing next year," France said. "It's always been that we could do it on a voluntary basis. The problem was: What do you do when (drivers) didn't want to do it? We feel we are over that hurdle now as far as being legal."

### HARNESS RACING

Michel LaChance, who has led the nation's harness drivers in victories the past three years, was among seven drivers suspended from New York's Yonkers Raceway pending an investigation of the fourth race on November 14, which the New York Racing and Wagering Board believes may have been fixed. Also receiving 30-day suspensions were Joe Marsh Jr., Jimmy Marohn, Jay Randall, Rene Poulin and William Bresnahan. Herni Filion, whose brother, Herve, is the winningest driver in history, received a 90-day suspension for "driving in a manner inconsistent with an attempt to win." Pan Am Sam, the 4-5 favorite driven by Filion, finished fifth. The winner, Falcons Mann, paid \$39.20, while the trifecta payoff was only \$192. "What tipped the judges off was the low payoff on the triple and the manner in which some of the drivers drove the race," said Richard Corbisiero,

Steve Jones finished with a four-under-par 68 to capture the \$650,000 J.C. Penney Mixed Team Classic at Largo, Fla. "That shot at No. 17 was one of the best chips I've ever seen, especially under those conditions," said Jones, who has never won on the Professional Golfers' Association Tour. Crafter, who is winless in seven years on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour, and Jones posted a 72-hole total of 268. Mark McCumber and Debbie Massey were second at 270.

New Zealand's Bob Charles finished with a three-under-par 69 to claim a two-stroke victory over Dale Douglass in the \$300,000 Mauna Lani Seniors Challenge at Kawaihae, Hawaii. Charles had a 54-hole total of 207.

Former British Open champion Greg Norman of Australia beat former British Open champion Sandy Lyle of Scotland by a record 10 strokes in the \$207,000 Australian Open at Melbourne. Norman finished with a one-under-par 71 for a 72-hole total of 273.

chairman of the New York Racing and Wagering Board. "The judges thought the triple should have paid a lot more money because of the odds on some of the 1-2-3 finishers."

### ROAD RUNNING

Takeyuki Nakayama of Japan beat countryman Masanari Shintaku to win the Fukuoka (Japan) International Marathon in 2 hours, 8 minutes, 18 seconds.

Stewart Dutfield, a Briton living in Summit, N.J., won the 45-mile Mount Everest Marathon from Gorakhshep, Nepal, to Everest in 4:52:10.

### SKIING

Chantal Bournissen and Maria Walliser of Switzerland captured women's World Cup downhill races at Val d'Isere, France. Bournissen was timed in 1:22.64, beating West Germany's Marina Kiehl by .13 seconds for her first World Cup victory. Walliser had a 1:21.14 clocking to beat teammate Michela Figini by .05 seconds.

Anita Wachter led Austria's first 1-2-3 sweep in a women's World Cup race, winning the slalom in 1:39.4 at Courmayeur, Italy.

### SKI JUMPING

Finland's Matti Nykanen captured the first two World Cup events of the season at Thunder Bay, Ontario.

### SOCCER

Barry Wallace's third goal of the game—with 4:23 elapsed in the third overtime—lifted

the Kansas City Comets to a 7-6 victory over the Dallas Sidekicks in the third-longest game in Major Indoor Soccer League history.

### SPEED SKATING

Norway's Geir Karlstad set world records in both the men's 5,000 meters (6:43.59) and 10,000 meters (13:48.51) in a World Cup meet at Calgary. Three East German women set world records—Christa Rothenburger in the 500 meters (39.39), Olympic champion Karin Kania in the 1,000 meters (1:18.11) and Gabi Zange in the 3,000 meters (4:16.76).

### TENNIS

Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia reached the final of the \$500,000 Nabisco Masters at New York for the eighth consecutive year with a 6-2, 6-4 romp past American Brad Gilbert. Sweden's Mats Wilander edged compatriot Stefan Edberg, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, in the other semifinal to set up a rematch of this year's U.S. Open final, which Lendl won in four sets. Jimmy Connors, 35, the world's fourth-ranked player and the highest-ranked American, lost his first two matches in the round-robin format, then defaulted because of an ear infection while trailing Lendl, 4-3, in the first set of his final match. "It's tough to play when you can't breathe," Connors said.

Bulgaria's Manuela Maleeva won the European Ladies' Challenge at Genk, Belgium, when Czechoslovakia's Helena Sukova withdrew because of an injury after winning the first set, 7-6, and leading 4-1 in the second.

Lendl was named Association of Tennis Professionals Player of the Year for the third consecutive year.



# Day Riding Straighter Course

By RICHARD SOWERS  
News Editor

COLLINSVILLE, Ill.—Pat Day led the nation's jockeys with 399 victories in 1982, then won 454 races a year later to run away with the crown. Those titles were especially significant considering that he was en route to "a slow way of committing suicide."

But 1984 was Day's most memorable year, for more reasons than one.

Day again led the country with 399 winners, becoming the first jockey to lead the nation three years in a row since Bill Hartack accomplished the feat from 1955-57. Day also rode 31-1 shot Wild Again to a stirring victory in the richest race in history, the \$3 million Breeders' Cup Classic, and was voted his first Eclipse Award as the nation's best jockey.

But the reason 1984 stands out to Day was the night of January 27, when Jesus Christ replaced cocaine and alcohol as the major force in his life.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," he recalled. "That night I became a new creature. I was delivered from my desire for drugs or alcohol."

Day was in a Florida motel room flipping channels on the TV set when his life figuratively flashed before his eyes when he happened across a Jimmy Swagert crusade. To hear him tell it, it was—excuse the expression—a religious experience.

"I think I'd been searching. It was like walking back and forth in a totally dark place with one beam of light, and that beam of light was Jesus," Day recalled. "I just fell on my face before the TV and asked the Lord to take over."

Day contemplated giving up riding for the ministry for several months before deciding that the attention he receives as one of America's premier jockeys would enable him to spread his beliefs to a wider audience.

He certainly has been no less successful on the track. Last year, he led the nation in victories (429) and stakes victories (55), finished third in earnings (\$10,322,013), was the regular rider on Horse of the Year Lady's Secret and earned his second Eclipse Award. This year, he is in a spirited battle with Angel Cordero for the Eclipse Award and was the regular rider on Theatrical and Java Gold, two of the three leading contenders for Horse of the Year honors.

And, yes, Day credits his success before eliminating drugs and alcohol from his life to the Lord.

"I kept saying, 'Lord, you have blessed me abundantly with ability.' The fact that I could continue to do good while I was doing all that negative, evil, sinful stuff was a testament to the God-given ability that I have," he said.

Almost as much a testament to Day's ability is that he has managed to achieve a plateau as perhaps America's premier rider while being based in the Midwest rather than in New York, home



Pat Day posed aboard Tank's Prospect after winning the Preakness Stakes in 1985.

base for the likes of Cordero, Jorge Velasquez, Jose Santos, Randy Romero and Eddie Maple, or Southern California, where Laffit Pincay Jr., Bill Shoemaker, Chris McCarron, Gary Stevens & Co. reside.

Seldom in the past six years has Day failed to win the riding title when he has competed in meetings at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Ark.; Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.; Keeneland in Lexington, Ky., or Chicago's Arlington Park. But perhaps no rider has had more mounts in major events during the past six years than Day, a 34-year-old native of Brush, Colo., who has logged more air miles than Chuck Yeager while flying to major races in New York, Southern California, Florida or wherever there is a 1,000-pound animal in need of the soft touch in his blacksmith-like biceps.

One Friday in August, for example, Day rode at Arlington Park, then competed in the next afternoon's card at Louisiana Downs and caught a flight to Fairmount Park for the \$100,000-added Fairmount Derby later that night.

"I might do this forever," he said in Fairmount's jockeys' room. "I'm very happy and secure right where I'm at. Everybody that's ever ridden in the Midwest with the success we've had has either packed up for New York or California."

"I think it's allowed us a great degree of versatility. We're in an enviable position. We can go out of town two or three days a week and come back and ride nine horses, and eight of them could be chalk (favorites)."

Suffice it to say that Day has become so respected by horseplayers in the Midwest that he probably could be aboard the old

gray mare and be bet down to even money, and his services are very much in demand by trainers, frequently giving his agent, Fred Aime, his pick of mounts in most of Day's races.

"It's a situation where everything clicks," Day said of the four- and five-victory days that almost are expected of him in the Midwest. "The more I win, the more confidently I ride and the more the horses respond."

"You don't think Wild Again would have beaten Slew o' Gold and Gate Dancer if I hadn't ridden him with so much confidence, do you? Coming down the stretch, it was like he knew that they had put up the \$360,000 (supplementary entry fee) for him to be there."

"And it's devastating to the competition," added Day, whose trademarks are his ability to get horses to relax and to coax the most out of his mount with limited use of his whip. "I have the innate ability to sense when a horse is doing his best, to know how much horse I have left. I find no need or desire to win by 15 or 20 lengths."

"I love to win. Every winner is a good winner, but some are better than others, like the Lady's Secret races. Any time you win a major fixture, it's a thrill. The money is nice, but secondary. If you don't think you can win, you might as well hang up your clothes."

Day wasn't an overnight success when he decided that his 4-11, 100-pound frame was more suited to thoroughbreds than bulls and gave up rodeo to become a jockey. But he learned quickly. When Day and Jim (Coach) Read—his agent from 1974 until he retired after the 1985 campaign—first decided to try the big time, however, Day made

his own stumbling blocks.

"When I went to New York in 1976 and '77, I had a lot of success, but I had personal problems with my mental attitude," he recalled. "People like Mr. Miller (Hall of Famer Mack Miller, who trains Java Gold) and the older, established trainers knew I could ride. The difference now is they've seen me mature. They've seen me become stable, competent."

In other words, they've seen perhaps the only top jockey east of Shoemaker who doesn't have a weight problem—who could drink a couple of beers without having to spend the next day in a steam room sweating them off—give up alcohol and drugs.

"Let me suffice it to say that any at all is too much," Day said of his past problems. "It's a dead-end street. It contributes to a false feeling of confidence."

"I never felt I was an alcoholic, but when you've been drinking a lot and not taking care of your body, you almost need a drink as a sedative to get to sleep. In the later years, when I was doing a lot of it, I came to the realization I was out of control. I didn't feel like I had to have a drink... but I had everything that the material world had to offer, and it just seemed empty. I said, 'Is that all there is?'"

Day now has found peace, and he'll continue to pursue the few goals that have eluded him on the track, although not at the expense of the skiing and snowmobiling vacations he takes with his wife, Sheila, and Irene Elizabeth, the nine-month-old daughter the Days adopted earlier this year, whom Pat calls a "gift from God."

An amazing aspect of Day's riding titles is that in a profession in which many work six or seven days a week 12 months per year, Day "probably rode less than

nine months last year."

Day has won more than his fair share of major races, including the 1985 Preakness aboard Tank's Prospect, two Travers Stakes, a record four Breeders' Cup events, the Marlboro Cup, Jockey Club Gold Cup, etc. But the man who has won more stakes races at Churchill Downs than any rider in the track's 113-year history hasn't visited the winner's circle after the Kentucky Derby and, despite leading the nation in wins four times, has never set the pace in earnings.

Through November 28, however, he led the nation in earnings (\$11,770,831) and ranked second in victories (391). Winning those championships—and a possible third Eclipse Award—means enough to Day that he may consider postponing his next trip to the Colorado mountains.

"If there's a possibility that we can win both titles, I'd like to go for it," he said after capturing two Breeders' Cup races November 21, on Theatrical in the \$2 million Turf in a stirring victory over Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Trempolino and aboard 30-1 shot Epitome in the \$1 million Juvenile Fillies. "It's extremely difficult to be a contender for the money title in the Midwest. I have to win four races a day to contend with those guys in New York and California."

"It's not a jinx," he said of the Run for the Roses, in which his two brightest hopes, Vanlandingham in 1984 and Demons Begone in 1987, pulled up lame and bled internally, respectively. "It's just the way things happen. I feel like there's a Derby out there with my name on it."

Day passed \$60 million in career earnings this year and entered 1987 with 3,546 career victories. Of the 41 riders who have won 3,000 races, only four—McCarron, Pincay, Sandy Hawley and Day—have averaged 250 victories a year. Considering his age, Day figures to rank among the top 10 in both victories and earnings before his career is finished. And after wrestling with the decision to quit in 1984, that's the last thing on his mind.

"There are only two reasons I'd quit. One, because I lost the desire to be out there. I'm competitive and positive, and horses respond to that. If I lost that desire, I don't think I'd do anybody any justice," he said. "Two, if the time ever comes that I walk into the paddock and fear, 'This horse might break down.' There's a big difference between fear and respect. I don't go out there ignorant to the fact I might get hurt. If you don't, you're an accident waiting to happen. If you're out there riding cautiously, someone's ultimately going to get hurt. It wouldn't be fair to my fellow riders or the horses."

"I like my life being what it is right now, giving the glory to God. I think the big thing was giving myself to the Lord. I know where I'm going when they turn out the lights."



A cowboy wearing a white hat, a red long-sleeved shirt, and a brown leather vest is shown from the waist up. He is holding a coiled lasso with both hands. The background is a rustic wooden wall with vertical planks. In the lower-left foreground, two packs of Marlboro cigarettes are displayed: a red pack labeled 'Marlboro' and a yellow pack labeled 'Marlboro 100's'.

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